

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1932**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carolyn C. Dykema*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>

<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1932) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the training of persons supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1941 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The board shall require that physicians complete training to address the needs of  
4 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

5 SECTION 2. Section 11C of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
6 adding the following paragraph:-

7 The board shall require that physician assistants complete training to address the needs of  
8 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

9 SECTION 3. Section 11D of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 adding the following paragraph:-

11 The board shall require that dieticians and nutritionists complete training to address the  
12 needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

13 SECTION 4. Section 14 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
14 the following sentence:-

15 (l) The board shall require that nurses complete training to address the needs of  
16 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

17 SECTION 5. Section 19 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
18 the following sentence:-

19 The board shall require that dental professionals complete training to address the needs of  
20 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

21 SECTION 6. Section 90 of said chapter 13, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
22 the following paragraph:-

23 The board shall require that allied mental health and human services professions  
24 complete training to address the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental  
25 disabilities.

26 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of  
27 health equity within the executive office of health and human services, shall evaluate the access  
28 to medical care, unmet mental health needs, discrimination, relationships with community  
29 support specialists, and the potential for increasing the number of qualified trained health care

30 providers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The executive office of  
31 health and human services shall, based on such evaluation, promulgate rules and regulations to  
32 reduce the impact of such determinants on health care disparities outcomes for such individuals  
33 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.