HOUSE No. 858

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey and 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 to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	1/15/2015
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	1/27/2015
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	9/4/2019
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	9/4/2019
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	9/4/2019
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	9/4/2019
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	9/4/2019
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol	9/4/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	9/4/2019
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk	9/4/2019
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol	9/4/2019
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	9/4/2019
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk	9/4/2019
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	9/4/2019
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	9/4/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	9/4/2019

Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	9/4/2019
Michael S. Day	31st Middlesex	9/4/2019
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk	9/4/2019
Josh S. Cutler	6th Plymouth	9/4/2019
Claire D. Cronin	11th Plymouth	2/4/2015
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	2nd Worcester	9/4/2019
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	9/4/2019
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	9/4/2019
Jeffrey N. Roy	10th Norfolk	9/4/2019
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth	9/4/2019
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester	9/4/2019
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	9/4/2019
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	9/4/2019
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Daniel M. Donahue	16th Worcester	9/4/2019
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester	9/4/2019
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	9/4/2019
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Joseph D. McKenna	18th Worcester	9/4/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	9/4/2019
Michael J. Finn	6th Hampden	9/4/2019
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk	9/4/2019
Frank A. Moran	17th Essex	9/4/2019
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	9/4/2019
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden	9/4/2019
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	9/4/2019
Diana DiZoglio	14th Essex	9/4/2019
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	9/4/2019
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	9/4/2019

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By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Sean Garballey and others relative to access to child and adolescent mental health services. Financial Services.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court (2015-2016)

An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services.

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

- SECTION 1. Section 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 striking out the last paragraph, inserted by section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and
- 3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—
- For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall
- 5 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,
- 6 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed
- 7 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful
- 8 scope of practice for such educational psychologist.
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby
- amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the
- acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

SECTION 3. Section A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby
amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the
acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

For the purposes of this section, "licensed mental health professional" shall mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

SECTION 6. This act shall apply to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance issued or delivered within or without the commonwealth on or after March 1, 2006, and to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance in effect before that date upon renewal or after March 1, 2006.