

SENATE No. 1029

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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:
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1029) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Stephen L. DiNatale, Denise Provost, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word counselor, in line 103, the
3 following words:- “, a licensed educational psychologist.”

4 SECTION 2. Section 47B of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by inserting after the word counselor, in line 113, the following words:- “, a licensed
6 educational psychologist.”

7 SECTION 3. Section 8A of chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 amended by inserting after the word counselor, in line 115, the following words:- “, a licensed
9 educational psychologist.”

10 SECTION 4. Section 4A of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
11 amended by inserting after the word counselor, in line 113, the following words:- “, a licensed
12 educational psychologist.”

13 SECTION 5. Section 4M of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
14 hereby amended by inserting after the word counselor, in line 109, the following words:- “, a
15 licensed educational psychologist.”

16 SECTION 6. This act shall apply to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and
17 certificates of insurance issued or delivered within or without the commonwealth on or after June
18 1, 2015 and to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance in effect
19 before that date upon renewal or after June 1, 2016.