

**SENATE . . . . . No. 487**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 relative to special education health care costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cynthia S. Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 487) of Cynthia S. Creem, Carolyn C. Dykema and Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation relative to special education health care costs. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 428 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 relative to special education health care costs.

*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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3           Section 28. The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the  
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission benefits on a  
5 nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary treatment for disease, illness, injury, or  
6 bodily dysfunction which are required by a student’s individual education program,  
7 individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or the federal Individuals with  
8 Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
10 section 47AA the following section:-

11 Section 47EE. An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under  
12 section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any group blanket  
13 or general policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under section 110 that provides  
14 hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or without  
15 the commonwealth, shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically  
16 necessary treatment for disease, illness, injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a  
17 student's individual education program, individualized family service plan, individualized  
18 service plan or the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
20 section 8DD the following section:-

21 Section 8GG. A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or  
22 group hospital service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth  
23 shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary treatment for  
24 disease, illness, injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a student's individual  
25 education program, individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or the federal  
26 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

27 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
28 section 4DD the following section:-

29 Section 4GG. A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
30 agreement which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide

31 benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary treatment for disease, illness,  
32 injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a student's individual education program,  
33 individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or the federal Individuals with  
34 Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

35 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
36 section 4V the following section:-

37 Section 4Y. A health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or without the  
38 commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary  
39 treatment for disease, illness, injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a student's  
40 individual education program, individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or  
41 the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

42 SECTION 6. All policies, contracts and certificates of health insurance subject to section  
43 28 of chapter 32A, section 47EE of chapter 175, section 8GG of chapter 176A, section 4GG of  
44 chapter 176B, and section 4Y of chapter 176G of the General Laws which are delivered, issued  
45 or renewed on or after January 1, 2016 shall conform with the provisions of this act. Form filings  
46 implementing this act shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of insurance.

47 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2016.