

SENATE No. 671

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 creating a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 671) of Barbara L'Italien, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Marjorie C. Decker, Timothy R. Madden and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism. Higher Education.

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

An Act creating a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, there is
2 hereby established a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are
3 knowledgeable in autism. Individuals eligible for applying for the scholarship are students
4 attending the University of Massachusetts Medical School, state run/public nursing schools, and
5 schools of state run/public dentistry schools who are either studying issues related to autism
6 and/or plan to work with individuals with autism upon graduation. Three scholarships total will
7 be awarded annually; one to a student attending the University of Massachusetts Medical School,
8 one attending a state run/public nursing program, and one attending state run/public dentistry
9 school.