

**SENATE . . . . . No. 83**

**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 means for tracking the unmet need of individuals with developmental disabilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 83) of Barbara L'Italien, John F. Keenan, Sean Garballey, Claire D. Cronin and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a means for tracking the unmet need of individuals with developmental disabilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act creating a means for tracking the unmet need of individuals with developmental disabilities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

1           There is hereby established a system of tracking the unmet service needs of individuals  
2 with developmental disabilities in Massachusetts. The system will consist of a central electronic  
3 database, using open-source software, operated and maintained by The Office of Disabilities and  
4 Community Services at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. The content of the  
5 database will consist of data prepared by the following agencies, including but not limited to: the  
6 Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services, the Massachusetts Rehabilitation  
7 Commission, the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and the Massachusetts Commission  
8 for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Each of the agencies required to submit data will do so  
9 annually by means of a standard reporting form which will include statistics regarding the  
10 number of individuals with developmental disabilities who apply for services with said agencies,  
11 the number of individuals with developmental disabilities receiving services, and the number of

12 individuals with developmental disabilities who apply for services with said agencies and are  
13 unsuccessful in receiving services. The Office of Disabilities and Community Services will enter  
14 the standard report form content into the electronic database and generate annual reports to be  
15 made available on-line to the public.