

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2995**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

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:                 | DATE ADDED:      |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>James M. Cantwell</i>      | <i>4th Plymouth</i>               | <i>1/20/2017</i> |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i>    | <i>34th Middlesex</i>             | <i>2/2/2017</i>  |
| <i>Thomas J. Calter</i>       | <i>12th Plymouth</i>              | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i>         | <i>6th Plymouth</i>               | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i>         | <i>30th Middlesex</i>             | <i>1/26/2017</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i>         | <i>2nd Bristol</i>                | <i>2/2/2017</i>  |
| <i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>         | <i>15th Middlesex</i>             | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>               | <i>11th Middlesex</i>             | <i>2/2/2017</i>  |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>   | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/30/2017</i> |
| <i>James R. Miceli</i>        | <i>19th Middlesex</i>             | <i>1/28/2017</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>    | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>       | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i>               | <i>1/25/2017</i> |

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2995) of James M. Cantwell and others 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1038 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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 a state run/public dentistry  
9 school.