

SENATE No. 54

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 54) of Barbara A. L'Italien, Jack Lewis, Angelo M. Scaccia, James B. Eldridge 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 83 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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

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.