

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4322**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James J. O'Day*

*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 providing for certification of autism specialty service providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>12/20/2019</i>

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James J. O'Day that the Division of Family Health Services of the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish a certification process of autism specialty service providers. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act providing for certification of autism specialty service providers.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a certification program for autism specialty service providers, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 111G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section:-

3           Section 2A. The division shall establish a uniform rolling process for the approval of  
4 autism specialty service provider agencies that are authorized to provide, and are eligible for  
5 reimbursement for, early intensive behavioral intervention services to children who have been  
6 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and who are currently served by the early intervention  
7 program established under this chapter; provided, however, that the division shall either approve  
8 or deny such an application no later than 60 days following receipt of an application for  
9 certification.

10           SECTION 2. The division of family health services of the department of health shall  
11 establish the certification process set forth in section 2A of chapter 111G of the General Laws  
12 not later than March 31, 2020.