

**SENATE . . . . . No. 853**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 853) of Patrick M. O'Connor 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 SENATE, NO. 766 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the  
2           contrary, there is hereby established a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical  
3           providers who are knowledgeable in autism. Individuals eligible for applying for the scholarship  
4           are students attending the university of Massachusetts medical school, state run/public nursing  
5           schools, and schools of state run/public dentistry schools who are either studying issues related  
6           to autism and/or plan to work with individuals with autism upon graduation. Three scholarships  
7           total will be awarded annually: one to a student attending the university of Massachusetts  
8           medical school, one attending a state run/public nursing program, and one attending a state  
9           run/public dentistry school.