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HOUSE . . . . . No. 172

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey and Ryan M. Hamilton

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 to enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*1/19/2023*
Ryan M. Hamilton	*15th Essex*	*1/19/2023*
Josh S. Cutler	*6th Plymouth*	*1/26/2023*
Jessica Ann Giannino	*16th Suffolk*	*1/27/2023*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*2/2/2023*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*	*2/2/2023*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/2/2023*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*2/6/2023*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*2/7/2023*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*2/7/2023*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*First Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/8/2023*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*	*2/8/2023*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*2nd Berkshire*	*2/8/2023*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*2/10/2023*
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*	*2/10/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/13/2023*
Denise C. Garlick	*13th Norfolk*	*2/15/2023*

James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*	*2/15/2023*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*2/17/2023*
Carol A. Doherty	*3rd Bristol*	*2/21/2023*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*2/21/2023*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*2/22/2023*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*2/23/2023*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*3/10/2023*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*4/3/2023*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*4/13/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*5/9/2023*
David Allen Robertson	*19th Middlesex*	*6/5/2023*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*1/18/2024*

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By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Hamilton of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 172) of Sean Garballey, Ryan M. Hamilton and others relative to enhancing hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *219* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act to enhance hospital care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, within one year of the date of enactment, the executive office of health and human services shall create and maintain an integrated state plan to develop training and education as well as standards of care by appropriate healthcare providers related to the diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities. The plan should include implementation steps and recommendations from the advisory committee on intellectual and developmental disabilities that includes, but is not limited to: (1) continuing education requirements for applicable healthcare providers related to diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities,

including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities; (2) implementation of a strategy for the adoption of standards for improving assessment and diagnosis of intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities, for patients during routine outpatient primary care examinations; and (3) coordination with applicable state licensure boards, as recommended by the advisory committee on intellectual and developmental disabilities, the adoption of appropriate continuing education requirements related to intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities, as part of licensure renewals.

Within six months of the date of enactment, there is hereby established an advisory committee on intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities. Said advisory committee shall be comprised of the following experts: (i) a designee of the secretary of health and human services; (ii) a designee of the commissioner of public health; (iii) two health care providers with expertise in the diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities; (iv) two patient advocates or family members of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities; and (iv) five statewide trade organizations that include the Arc of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, and the Massachusetts Psychological Association. The advisory council shall develop recommendations for statewide standards for healthcare professionals regarding diagnosis, treatment, and care for patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities,

including but not limited to, autism spectrum disorders and those with intersecting marginalized identities. Said standards shall include recommendations for training of healthcare providers, including but not limited to, physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, physician assistants, registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses.