

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 176**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

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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 relative to intellectual disabilities for DDS services.

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PETITION OF:

| NAME:                   | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/11/2023</i> |

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By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 176) of Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to intellectual disabilities for DDS services.

*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. Section 14 of Chapter 19B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following words: "The  
3   Department of Developmental Services shall not deny Intellectual Disability Services for  
4   Intellectual Disability under (115CMR 2.0) on the basis of IQ testing score alone, but shall take  
5   into consideration all Neuropsychological evaluations of the individual."