SENATE No. 2496

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

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The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act improving pediatric cancer research.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Patrick M. O'Connor	First Plymouth and Norfolk	
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	9/29/2023
Marc R. Pacheco	Third Bristol and Plymouth	9/29/2023
Ryan C. Fattman	Worcester and Hampden	10/2/2023
Jacob R. Oliveira	Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester	10/2/2023
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	10/3/2023
Nick Collins	First Suffolk	10/3/2023
Lydia Edwards	Third Suffolk	10/4/2023
Francisco E. Paulino	16th Essex	10/4/2023
Walter F. Timilty	Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol	10/5/2023
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex	10/17/2023
Michael F. Rush	Norfolk and Suffolk	11/15/2023
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	11/15/2023
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	11/15/2023
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	11/15/2023
Patrick Joseph Kearney	4th Plymouth	11/17/2023
John C. Velis	Hampden and Hampshire	11/17/2023
John J. Cronin	Worcester and Middlesex	11/17/2023

Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	11/24/2023
Brendan P. Crighton	Third Essex	11/27/2023
John F. Keenan	Norfolk and Plymouth	11/29/2023

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2496) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Hannah Kane, Marc R. Pacheco, Ryan C. Fattman and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve pediatric cancer research. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act improving pediatric cancer research.

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 29	of the	General	Laws is	hereby	amended by	inserting a	after

2 section 2AAAAAA the following section:-

3 Section 2BBBBBB. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the

4 commonwealth a Pediatric Cancer Research and Resource Project Trust Fund for the purpose of

5 providing grants for pediatric cancer research projects and pediatric cancer resource projects in

- 6 the commonwealth.
- 7 (b) The fund shall be credited with: (i) appropriations or other money authorized or

8 transferred by the general court and specifically designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) funds

9 from public and private sources, including, but not limited to gifts, grants and donations; and (iii)

10 any interest earned on such money.

11	(c) Subject to appropriation, amounts credited to the fund shall be used for grants for
12	pediatric cancer research and pediatric cancer resource projects in the commonwealth. Money
13	remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.
14	(d) As uses in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings unless
15	the context clearly requires otherwise:
16	"Pediatric cancer research project", a scientific research project focusing on the causes,
17	prevention, education, screening, treatment or cure of pediatric cancer, or the symptoms or
18	effects experienced by patients following completion of a course of treatment for pediatric
19	cancer, and may include basic, clinical and epidemiologic research.
20	"Pediatric cancer resource project", a community-based educational, informational,
21	awareness and financial resource project that improves the lives of individuals afflicted by
22	pediatric cancer through an enhanced understanding of the diagnosis, treatment and long-term
23	impacts of childhood cancer and provides support to reduce its emotional, educational and
24	financial burden.
25	SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall establish a
26	permanent advisory committee to award and allocate grants for pediatric cancer research and
27	pediatric cancer resource projects in the commonwealth. The advisory committee's membership
28	shall consist of 7 members appointed by the secretary of health and human services 2 of whom
29	shall be survivors of pediatric cancer or caregivers to individuals with pediatric cancer, 1 of
30	whom shall be a representative of a nationwide childhood cancer advocacy non-profit and 4 of
31	whom shall be professionals from the childhood cancer field.

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Not later than August 1, the executive office of health and human services shall submit an
annual report to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, Joint Committee on
Public Health, And Joint Committee on Healthcare Finance detailing the number, amounts and
recipients of the grants awarded pursuant to section 2BBBBBB of chapter 29 of the General
Laws, the resulting research and other relevant information as requested by the special
committee.