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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Greg Schwartz*

*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 health care quality for children and youth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Greg Schwartz</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to health care quality for children and youth.

*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 2 of chapter 18A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “committed”, in line XX, the  
3 following sentence:-

4 Physical health and mental health services shall meet or exceed current pediatric  
5 community level standards of care as set by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which shall  
6 include, but not limited to, preventative health care, health promotion, and continuity of care.

7 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 18A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “counselor programs”, in line  
9 XX, the following sentence:-

10 It shall further be responsible for monitoring and enforcement of medical contracts to  
11 improve medical care access and quality for children in the care and custody of the department.