

**SENATE . . . . . No. 946**

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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:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 946) 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. 842 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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           Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, there is  
2 hereby established a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are  
3 knowledgeable in autism. Individuals eligible for applying for the scholarship are students  
4 attending the university of Massachusetts medical school, state run/public nursing schools, and  
5 schools of state run/public dentistry schools who are either studying issues related to autism  
6 and/or plan to work with individuals with autism upon graduation. Three scholarships total will  
7 be awarded annually: one to a student attending the university of Massachusetts medical school,  
8 one attending a state run/public nursing program, and one attending a state run/public dentistry  
9 school.