

HOUSE No. 03975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carolyn C. Dykema

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>

<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>George T. Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Dykema of Holliston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act supporting individuals with 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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The board shall require that physicians complete training to address the needs of individuals with
4 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

5 SECTION 2. Section 11C of said chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
6 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

7 The board shall require that physician assistants complete training to address the needs of
8 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

9 SECTION 3. Section 11D of said chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

11 The board shall require that dieticians and nutritionists complete training to address the needs of
12 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

13 SECTION 4. Section 14 of said chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
14 amended by adding the following sentence:-

15 (l) The board shall require that nurses complete training to address the needs of individuals with
16 intellectual and developmental disabilities.

17 SECTION 5. Section 19 of said chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
18 amended by adding the following sentence:-

19 The board shall require that dental professionals complete training to address the needs of
20 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

21 SECTION 6. Section 90 of said chapter 13 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
22 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

23 The board shall require that allied mental health and human services professions complete
24 training to address the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

25 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the office of health
26 equity within the executive office of health and human services, shall evaluate the access to
27 medical care, unmet mental health needs, discrimination, relationships with community support
28 specialists, and increasing the amount of qualified trained health care providers for individuals
29 with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The executive office of health and human
30 services shall, based on such evaluation, promulgate rules and regulations to reduce the impact of

31 such determinants on health care disparities outcomes for such individuals with intellectual and
32 developmental disabilities.