

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 858**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Sean Garballey and 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>

<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Walter F. Timitly</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Representatives Garballey of Arlington and Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 858) of Sean Garballey and others relative to access to child and adolescent mental health services. Financial Services.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to improve access to child and adolescent mental health 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 22 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out the last paragraph, inserted by section 1 of chapter 80 of the acts of 2000, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

4 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall  
5 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,  
6 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed  
7 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful  
8 scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

9 SECTION 2. Section 47B of Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby  
10 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 2 of chapter 80 of the  
11 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

12 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall  
13 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,  
14 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed  
15 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful  
16 scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

17 SECTION 3. Section A of Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby  
18 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 4 of chapter 80 of the  
19 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

20 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall  
21 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,  
22 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed  
23 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful  
24 scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

25 SECTION 4. Section 4A of Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby  
26 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 6 of chapter 80 of the  
27 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

28 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall  
29 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,  
30 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed  
31 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful  
32 scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

33 SECTION 5. Section 4M of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby  
34 amended by striking out the next to the last paragraph, inserted by section 10 of chapter 80 to the  
35 acts of 2000, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

36 For the purposes of this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall  
37 mean a licensed physician who specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist,  
38 a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, a licensed  
39 nurse mental health clinical specialist, or a licensed educational psychologist within the lawful  
40 scope of practice for such educational psychologist.

41 SECTION 6. This act shall apply to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and  
42 certificates of insurance issued or delivered within or without the commonwealth on or after  
43 March 1, 2006, and to all policies, contracts, agreements, plans and certificates of insurance in  
44 effect before that date upon renewal or after March 1, 2006.