

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2457

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)

1 SECTION 1. This act may be referred to as Katie’s Law.

2 SECTION 2. Section 172C of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “is mentally retarded”  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- has an intellectual or developmental  
5 disability.

6 SECTION 3. Section 178C of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7 striking out, in line 60 and in lines 137 to 138, the words “mentally retarded person” and  
8 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with an intellectual or  
9 developmental disability.

10 SECTION 4. Section 178K of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
11 striking out, in line 235, the words “the mentally retarded” and inserting in place thereof the  
12 following words:- people with intellectual disabilities.

13 SECTION 5. Said section 178K of said chapter 6, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
14 striking out, in line 258, the words “mentally retarded person” and inserting in place thereof the  
15 following words:- person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

16 SECTION 6. Section 22N of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
17 amended by striking out, in lines 13 to 14, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place  
18 thereof the following words:- developmental services.

19 SECTION 7. Section 38 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
20 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “retarded children” and inserting in place thereof  
21 the following words:- children with an intellectual disability.

22 SECTION 8. Section 21 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
23 amended by striking out, in line 16, the words "mentally retarded individuals with common  
24 needs for care and treatment" in lines 16 to 17 and inserting in place thereof the following  
25 words:- " intellectually or developmentally disabled individuals with common needs for care and  
26 treatment, provided that a need for care and treatment shall not be evaluated or denied solely by  
27 the use of intelligence quotient testing or educational testing".

28 SECTION 9. Section 7 of chapter 19B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
29 amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “mental retardation”.

30 SECTION 10. Section 8 of said chapter 19B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
31 striking out, in line 3, the words “mental retardation”

32 SECTION 11. Said section 8 of said chapter 19B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
33 amended by striking out, in lines 6 to 7, the words “the mentally retarded” and inserting in place  
34 thereof the following words:- people with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

35 SECTION 12. Section 2 of chapter 21H of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
36 amended by striking out, in lines 73 to 74, the word “retarded” and inserting in place thereof the  
37 following words:- intellectually or developmentally disabled.

38 SECTION 13. Section 32 of chapter 22C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
39 amended by striking out, in line 13, the word “handicap” and inserting in place thereof the  
40 following words:- disability, age.

41 SECTION 14. Section 47 of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
42 amended by striking out, in lines 32 to 33, the words “such mentally retarded person” and  
43 inserting in place thereof the following words:- a person with an intellectual disability.

44 SECTION 15. Clause (e) of subsection 1 of Section 1 of chapter 31A of the General  
45 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the word “handicap” and  
46 inserting in place thereof the following word:- disability.

47 SECTION 16. Section 2 of said chapter 31A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
48 inserting after the definition for “Department” the following definition:-

49 "Disability", a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major  
50 life activities without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures which do not  
51 include ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses.

52 SECTION 17. Said section 2 of said chapter 31A, as so appearing, is hereby further  
53 amended by inserting after the definition for “Local merit appeals board” the following  
54 definition:-

55 “Major life activities” shall include, but are not limited to, caring for oneself, performing  
56 manual tasks, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting, bending, speaking,  
57 breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and working. This term  
58 also includes the meaning of “major bodily functions,” which include, but are not limited to,  
59 functions of the immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological,  
60 brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions.

61 SECTION 18. Section 23 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as amended by section 8 of  
62 chapter 86 of the acts of 2015, is hereby amended by striking out, in subsection (b) of paragraph  
63 (5), the words “physical handicap” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- disability.

64 SECTION 19. Section 3 of chapter 38 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
65 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “mental retardation”  
66 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- developmental services.

67 SECTION 20. Section 3 of chapter 71B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
68 amended by striking out, in lines 175 and 217, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in  
69 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- developmental services.

70 SECTION 21. Section 4 of chapter 92B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
71 amended by striking out, in line of 28, the words “physical handicap” and inserting in place  
72 thereof the following word:- disability.

73 SECTION 22. Subsection (a) of section 103 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as so  
74 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “handicap” and inserting in  
75 place thereof the following word:- disability.

76 SECTION 23. Said section 103 of said chapter 93, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
77 striking out, in line 3, the words "with reasonable accommodation" and inserting in place thereof  
78 the following words:- with or without reasonable accommodation.

79 SECTION 24. Section 4O of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
80 amended by striking out, in line 24, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof  
81 the following words:- developmental services.

82 SECTION 25. Section 24E of said chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
83 hereby amended by striking out, in line 9, the word “handicap” and inserting in place thereof the  
84 following word:- disability.

85 SECTION 26. Section 62J of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
86 striking out, in line 14, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof the  
87 following words:- intellectual or developmental disability.

88 SECTION 27. Section 67E of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
89 striking out, in lines 40 to 41, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof the  
90 following words:- intellectual disability.

91 SECTION 28. Section 69E of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
92 striking out, in line 9, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof the following  
93 words:- intellectual or developmental disability.

94 SECTION 29. Section 71 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
95 striking out, in lines 10, 24 to 25, 80, 92, 137, 183, 186 and 226, the words “the mentally  
96 retarded” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- persons with  
97 intellectual disabilities.

98 SECTION 30. Said section 71 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further  
99 amended by inserting after the word “mental”, in line 192, the word:- health.

100 SECTION 31. Section 72 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
101 striking out, in lines 3 to 4, the words “the mentally retarded” and inserting in place thereof the  
102 following words:- persons with intellectual disabilities.

103 SECTION 32. Said section 72 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby further  
104 amended by striking out, in line 17, the words “mentally retarded and”.

105 SECTION 33. Section 72Y of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
106 striking out, in lines 11 to 12, the word “retarded” and inserting in place thereof the following  
107 words:- persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

108 SECTION 34. Section 193 of said chapter 111, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
109 striking out, in lines 12 to 13, the words “or retarded”.

110 SECTION 35. Section 23 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
111 amended by striking out, in lines 49 to 50, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place  
112 thereof the following words:- intellectual or developmental disabilities.

113 SECTION 36. Section 38A of chapter 121B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
114 hereby amended by striking out, in line 31, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place  
115 thereof the following words:- intellectual or developmental disabilities.

116 SECTION 37. Section 1 of chapter 122 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
117 amended by striking out, in line 11, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof  
118 the following:- intellectual or developmental disability.

119 SECTION 38. Section 14 of said chapter 122, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
120 striking out, in lines 3 to 4, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof the  
121 following words:- intellectual or developmental disability.

122 SECTION 39. Section 1 of chapter 123A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
123 amended by striking out, in lines 45 to 46, the words “mentally retarded person” and inserting in  
124 place thereof the following words:- person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

125 SECTION 40. Chapter 123B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the  
126 title and inserting in place thereof the following title:- Developmental Disabilities.

127 SECTION 41. Section 3 of said chapter 123B of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
128 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the phrase “the mentally  
129 retarded” and inserting in place thereof the following:- persons with intellectual disabilities.

130 SECTION 42. Said section 1 of said chapter 123B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
131 amended by inserting after the word "disability", in line 57, the following words:- ; provided,  
132 however, that no person shall be evaluated or denied services for an intellectual disability based  
133 solely on the use of intelligence quotient testing or educational testing.

134 SECTION 43. Said chapter 123B is hereby further amended by inserting after section 2  
135 the following section:-

136 Section 2A. If the department intends to deny services to a person applying for services,  
137 the department shall notify that applicant not less than 45 days prior to making a final  
138 determination. The department shall provide a description of the reasons the department intends  
139 to deny the services and shall advise the applicant of the opportunity to request that the  
140 department conduct further evaluations. Further evaluations shall include, but not be limited to:  
141 (i) an additional in-person interview; (ii) school or work observation conducted by the  
142 department; and (iii) testimony from non-guardianship teachers or supervisors. The further  
143 evaluation shall be considered before a denial of disability services is finalized. A final  
144 determination to deny services shall not be based solely on intelligence quotient testing or  
145 educational testing.

146 SECTION 44. Section 133E of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
147 hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the words “mentally retarded person” and inserting in  
148 place thereof the following words:- person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

149 SECTION 45. Said section 13 of said chapter 131 is hereby amended by striking out, in  
150 lines 49 and 50, the words “mentally retarded” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
151 the following words:- intellectually or developmentally disabled.

152 SECTION 46. Section 30A of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
153 hereby amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place  
154 thereof the following words:- developmental services.



155 SECTION 47. Section 28 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
156 amended by striking out, in lines 13 to 14, the words “mentally retarded persons” and inserting in  
157 place thereof the following words:- persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

158 SECTION 48. Subsection(a) of section 5 of chapter 161A of the General Laws, as so  
159 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “handicap” and inserting in  
160 place thereof the following word:- disability.

161 SECTION 49. Section 25 of said chapter 161A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
162 striking out, in lines 22 to 23, the words “handicapping condition” and inserting in place thereof  
163 the following words:- disability.

164 SECTION 50. Section 120A of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
165 hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place  
166 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- intellectual or developmental disability.

167 SECTION 51. Section 17A of chapter 186 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
168 hereby amended by striking out, in line 72, the words “mentally retarded persons” and inserting  
169 in place thereof the following words:- persons with an intellectual or developmental disability.

170 SECTION 52. Section 5-101 of chapter 190B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
171 hereby amended by striking out paragraph (12) .

172 SECTION 53. Said section 5-101 of said chapter 190B, as so appearing, is hereby further  
173 amended by inserting after paragraph (18), the following paragraph:-

174 (18A) “Person with a developmental disability”, (a) an individual 5 years of age or older  
175 with a severe, chronic disability that: (i) is attributable to a mental or physical impairment

176 resulting from intellectual disability, autism, Smith-Magenis syndrome or Prader-Willi  
177 syndrome; (ii) is manifested before the individual attains age 22; (iii) is likely to continue  
178 indefinitely; (iv) results in substantial functional limitations in 3 or more of the following areas  
179 of major life activity: (1) self-care; (2) receptive and expressive language; (3) learning; (4)  
180 mobility; (5) self-direction; (6) capacity for independent living; and (7) economic self-  
181 sufficiency; and (v) reflects the individual's need for a combination and sequence of special,  
182 interdisciplinary or generic services, supports or other assistance that is of a lifelong or extended  
183 duration and is individually planned and coordinated; or (b) an individual under the age of 5 who  
184 has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition with a high  
185 probability that the condition will result in a developmental disability if services are not  
186 provided. A person who has a developmental disability may be considered to be mentally ill;  
187 provided, however, that no person with a developmental disability shall be considered to be  
188 mentally ill solely by reason of the person's developmental disability.

189           SECTION 54. Section 5-304 of said chapter 190B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
190 by striking out, in line 16, the words “mentally retarded” and inserting in place thereof the  
191 following words:- intellectually or developmentally disabled.

192           SECTION 55. Section 5-309 of said chapter 190B, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
193 by striking out, in line 57, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof the  
194 following words:- developmental services.

195           SECTION 56. Section 32 of chapter 209 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
196 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “mental retardation” and inserting in place thereof  
197 the following words:- intellectual disability.

198 SECTION 57. Section 85V of chapter 231 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
199 hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the words “mentally retarded” and inserting in place  
200 thereof the following words:- persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

201 SECTION 58. Section 23E of chapter 233 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
202 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 36 and 50, the words “mental retardation” and inserting  
203 in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- an intellectual disability.

204 SECTION 59. Section 5B of chapter 260 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
205 amended by striking out, in line 5, the word “handicap” and inserting in place thereof the  
206 following word:- disability.

207 SECTION 60. Section 13F of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
208 amended by striking out, in lines 2, 3, 12, 13, 14 to 15, and 15 to 16, the words “an intellectual  
209 disability” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- an intellectual  
210 or developmental disability.

211 SECTION 61. Said section 13F of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby further  
212 amended by striking out, in lines 21 to 22, and line 22, the words “mentally retarded person” and  
213 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with an intellectual or  
214 developmental disability.

215 SECTION 62. Section 45 of said chapter 265, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
216 striking out, in line 3, the words “mentally retarded person” and inserting in place thereof the  
217 following words:- person with an intellectual or developmental disability.

218           SECTION 63. Section 7 of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
219 amended by striking out, in line 66, the words “mentally retarded” and inserting in place thereof  
220 the following words:- intellectually or developmentally disabled.