

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1784**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Ruth B. Balsler***

*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 regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>

*James B. Eldridge*

*Middlesex and Worcester*

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1784) of Ruth B. Balsler and others for legislation relative to proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

SENATE  
 , NO. 1960 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 An Act regarding proportional payments of the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access  
2 Project.

3 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
4 and by the authority of the same, as follows:

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by hereby  
6 amended by inserting after section 16 the following section:-

7 Section 16A.

8 (a) The department shall operate a statewide program to provide mental health  
9 consultations by telephone, available for a minimum of 5 days a week, to pediatricians, family  
10 physicians, nurse practitioners and primary care practices for persons under the age of 19 who  
11 exhibit a possible mental health or substance use disorder.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the costs of  
13 this program shall be assessed on surcharge payers under section 38 of chapter 118G and may be

14 collected in a manner consistent with said chapter 118. All surcharge revenue generated under  
15 this section shall be allocated to support the program, including an expansion into educational  
16 settings.