

HOUSE No. 1900

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 to increase current medical providers' knowledge about autism in order to improve the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1900) of Garrett J. Bradley and others relative to the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act to increase current medical providers' knowledge about autism in order to improve the treatment individuals with autism receive in medical settings.

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, to expand
2 current medical providers' knowledge about autism, the department of public health will design
3 and provide specialized training on autism through medical continuing education programs for
4 primary care physicians, neurologists, psychiatrists, dentists, emergency room personnel and
5 other medical specialists. Once the training on autism is implemented, the department of public
6 health will design a pilot program to ultimately develop one "autism team" who could be called
7 upon should a patient with autism enter the emergency room, need tests or x-rays, or need to be
8 admitted. Members of the "team" will have completed the specialized training on autism and will
9 be knowledgeable about autism and communication difficulties many people with autism have
10 and advise medical doctors and other staff how to communicate with the patient.