

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3236**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey***

*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 creating autism teams in hospitals.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>

<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3236) of Sean Garballey and others relative to autism training for medical specialists. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act creating autism teams in hospitals.

*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.