

HOUSE No. 3752

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tram T. Nguyen

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 securing access to employment for people with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Nguyen of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3752) of Tram T. Nguyen and others relative to employment for persons with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act securing access to employment for people with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorders.

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

1 Chapter 19B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 12A the following section:-

3 Section 12B. The department shall incorporate an employment program within the
4 community-based day supports program, that shall provide supportive employment opportunities
5 and programs to individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Participation in the
6 employment program shall be optional. Supportive employment shall be offered through and
7 managed by the community based day supports provider, at their facility, and shall be
8 incorporated into the existing community based day supports program and subject to department
9 guidelines.

10 The department shall provide ongoing support services to each individual participating in
11 the employment program to monitor the individual’s progress and to assist the individual in

12 meeting their individually-decided career goals. Such support services shall include support
13 brokers to assist individuals who request to transition out of employment through the
14 employment program with finding employment within a community setting. The department
15 shall provide continuing support services to individuals who have transitioned out of the
16 employment program and into employment in a community setting for the purpose of assisting
17 the individual in maintaining their employment.