

HOUSE No. 969

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the definition of autism in the children's autism Medicaid waiver.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 969) of Garrett J. Bradley, James M. Cantwell and Robert L. Hedlund relative to the definition of Autism in the childrens Autism Medicaid waiver. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1006 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to the definition of autism in the children's autism Medicaid waiver.

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 107 of the Acts of 2005 is hereby amended by striking out the following
2 sentence in the second paragraph “Autism spectrum disorder includes the following disorders as
3 defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition (DSM-IV-
4 TR, 2000): autistic disorder, Asperger's disorder, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise
5 specified, childhood disintegrative disorder, and Rett's disorder.” and inserting in place thereof
6 the following:- “The terms ‘autism’ or ‘autism spectrum disorder’ shall have the same meaning
7 as the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.”