

SENATE No. 559

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia Stone Creem

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 special education health care costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia Stone Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 559) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to special education health care costs. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 508 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to special education health care costs.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 28. The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee of the
4 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission benefits on a
5 nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary treatment for disease, illness, injury, or
6 bodily dysfunction which are required by a student’s individual education program,
7 individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or the federal Individuals with
8 Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
10 section 47II the following section:-

11 Section 47JJ. An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under
12 section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any group blanket
13 or general policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under section 110 that provides
14 hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or without
15 the commonwealth, shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically
16 necessary treatment for disease, illness, injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a
17 student's individual education program, individualized family service plan, individualized
18 service plan or the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
20 section 8KK the following section:-

21 Section 8LL. A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or
22 group hospital service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth
23 shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary treatment for
24 disease, illness, injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a student's individual
25 education program, individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or the federal
26 Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

27 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
28 section 4KK the following section:-

29 Section 4LL. A subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
30 agreement which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall provide
31 benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary treatment for disease, illness,
32 injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a student's individual education program,

33 individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or the federal Individuals with
34 Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

35 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
36 section 4CC the following section:-

37 Section 4DD. A health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or without the
38 commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the medically necessary
39 treatment for disease, illness, injury, or bodily dysfunction which are required by a student's
40 individual education program, individualized family service plan, individualized service plan or
41 the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act.

42 SECTION 6. All policies, contracts and certificates of health insurance subject to section
43 28 of chapter 32A, section 47JJ of chapter 175, section 8LL of chapter 176A, section 4LL of
44 chapter 176B, and section 4DD of chapter 176G of the General Laws which are delivered, issued
45 or renewed on or after January 1, 2020 shall conform with the provisions of this act. Form filings
46 implementing this act shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner of insurance.

47 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.