SENATE . . . . No. 853

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 853) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to create a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *766* OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act creating a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the

2   contrary, there is hereby established a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical

3   providers who are knowledgeable in autism. Individuals eligible for applying for the scholarship

4   are students attending the university of Massachusetts medical school, state run/public nursing

5   schools, and schools of state run/public dentistry schools who are either studying issues related

6   to autism and/or plan to work with individuals with autism upon graduation. Three scholarships

7   total will be awarded annually: one to a student attending the university of Massachusetts

8   medical school, one attending a state run/public nursing program, and one attending a state

9   run/public dentistry school.