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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to membership of the council on autism spectrum disorders.

SPONSORS: Rep. Harding, Graf 13; Rep. M. MacKay, Hills 30; Rep. Leishman, Hills 24;
Rep. McMahon, Rock 7; Rep. DiMartino, Belk 2; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Odell,
Dist 8; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill adds members to the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders and clarifies its duties.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders; Membership. Amend RSA 171-A:32,
2 I(d)-(m) to read as follows:

3 (d) The director of the division of public health services, department of health and
4 human services, *or designee*.

5 (e) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, department of health and
6 human services, *or designee*.

7 (f) The bureau chief of the bureau of behavioral health, department of health and human
8 services, *or designee*.

9 (g) The director of the division of instruction, department of education, *or designee*.

10 (h) The director of the division of career technology and adult learning, department of
11 education, *or designee*.

12 (i) The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.

13 (j) A special education director, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Special
14 Education Administrators, Inc.

15 (k) The president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, or designee.

16 (l) A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council,
17 appointed by the council.

18 (m) A representative of the *New Hampshire chapter of the national* Autism Society
19 [~~of New Hampshire~~], appointed by the [~~society~~] *chapter*.

20 2 New Subparagraphs; New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders; Membership.
21 Amend RSA 171-A:32, I by inserting after subparagraph (q) the following new subparagraphs:

22 (r) The director of the office of Medicaid business and policy, department of health and
23 human services, or designee.

24 (s) A representative of the Autistic Self Advocacy Network who is a New Hampshire
25 stakeholder, appointed by the network.

26 (t) One additional member, appointed by the council.

27 (u) A person who has an autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the council.

28 3 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders; Duties. Amend RSA 171-A:32, II(d)
29 through (h) to read as follows:

30 (d) ~~Provide mediation, when needed, to ensure that individuals with autism spectrum~~
31 ~~disorders receive appropriate supports and services.~~

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2 by accessing federal and state grants and pursuing development opportunities through foundations,
3 corporations, and planned giving.

4 ~~[(e)]~~ (e) Serve as an information clearinghouse for individuals, families, and providers
5 seeking diagnosticians, behavioral specialists, speech pathologists, occupational therapists,
6 psychologists, and others who have expertise in working with individuals with autism spectrum
7 disorders.

8 ~~[(g)]~~ (f) Encourage the establishment of regional collaboratives with representation from
9 educational, health care, and community service providers to ensure that individuals with autism
10 spectrum disorders and their families receive necessary services.

11 ~~[(h)]~~ (g) Make an annual report beginning on April 1, 2009 to the governor, the speaker
12 of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, the commissioners of the department of
13 health and human services and department of education, the members of the house committees on
14 education, health, human services and elderly affairs, and finance, and the members of the senate
15 committees on education, health and human services, and finance.

16 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Amendments

Rep. Meaney, Hills. 6
January 18, 2013
2013-0023h
01/10



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2 following new subparagraph:

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5 association.

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Rep. M. MacKay, Hills. 30
January 22, 2013
2013-0038h
01/04

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Rep. Meaney, Hills. 6
Rep. M. MacKay, Hills. 30
January 23, 2013
2013-0047h
01/04

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Speakers

Hearing Minutes

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DATE: January 22, 2013

LOB ROOM: 205 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:30 a.m.

Time Adjourned: ?

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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

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Autism speaks - Combating Autism.

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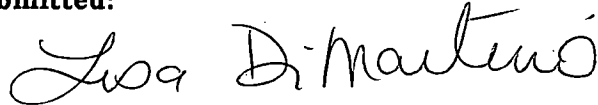
Children on Medicaid cannot get ABA. The Council always partners with other agencies and Early Intervention which allows for early diagnosis which allows children to get the treatment early.

Nicole Varasteh - First time testimony is new on council and mother. She needed help with doctors/pool therapy covered, but not physical therapy. Many clinics have to turn away children.

Two hour training on Autism. 911 - for police/ in how to respond to someone with Autism.

80% diagnosed with Autism are under 21. 80% to 90% high function not employed.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa DiMartino". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

Rep. Lisa DiMartino, Clerk

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function not
employed

Testimony

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PO Box 779, Concord, NH 03301

January 22, 2013

To: HHS Committee

From: Laura Darling, MS/CCC-SLP
New Hampshire Speech-Language Hearing Association (NHSLHA)

Re: HB 236, NH Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)
Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) on the Council

Dear Committee,

I am writing this letter and /or testifying on behalf of NHSLHA. As Speech-Language Pathologists, we are requesting that this council on Autism Spectrum Disorders also appoint a Speech-Language Pathologist on this committee. NHSLHA is requesting that our organization have input for this committee appointment. The NHSLHA Executive Board believes that have an SLP on this Council would best serve the public due to the fact that we are a highly educated and trained in Communication Sciences and Disorders. The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the National Organization for SLPs. ASHA has experts in the field of autism, conducts research, publishes research and provides continuing education for speech pathologists.

In addition, I work in both public and private schools where SLPs are a key member of educational teams for children with ASD.

Also, as a clinician in private practice, I have many families seeking additional speech therapy in order to support their child's communication.

I can be reached at 603-224-1551 and would be happy to discuss this concern for this committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura A Darling MS/CCC-SLP".

Laura A Darling, MS/CCC-SLP
NH Licensed / ASHA Certified Speech-Language Pathologist
NHSLHA Executive Board Member

Background on HB 236- January 21, 2013
Changes to the composition of the Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders

Rep. Laurie Harding

History of the Commission and Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders

HB 396, establishing a commission to study autism spectrum disorders in New Hampshire. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne S Butcher for Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs: Autism is affecting increasing numbers of New Hampshire families (CDC now estimates 1 in 150 children), posing enormous challenges to our society, our schools, our economy, and our service systems. This bill establishes a commission to "examine and make recommendations regarding the care, treatment, and quality of life of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and their families," with a report due July 1, 2008. The amendment adds to the commission a family member appointed by the Governor. **Vote 18-0. 2007**

171:1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study autism spectrum disorders in New Hampshire.

171:2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

- (a) Three members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- (b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- (d) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.
- (e) The governor, or designee.

(f) A family member of an individual with an autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the governor.

(g) A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council, appointed by the council.

(h) A representative of the Autism Society of New Hampshire, appointed by the society.

(i) A representative of the Institute on Disability, university of New Hampshire, appointed by the Institute.

(j) A representative of the New Hampshire Medical Society, appointed by the society.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

171:3 Duties.

I. *The commission shall examine and make recommendations regarding the care, treatment, and quality of life of children and adults with autism spectrum disorders and their families.*

II. The commission shall solicit information from families of persons with autism spectrum disorder and other experts, including the New Hampshire task force on autism, established by the department of health and human services.

171:4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Five members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

HB 1634, establishing the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders. **OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.**

Rep. Suzanne S Butcher for Health, Human Services and Elderly

Affairs: Last year, HB 396, Chapter 171 established a commission on autism spectrum disorders to make recommendations on the care, treatment and quality of life of children and adults with ASD and their families. Addressing the complex, multi-system challenge of ASD will require ongoing collaboration among the medical, educational, and human services systems, with parents and individuals with ASD. The commission, therefore, recommended establishment of a council on autism spectrum disorders to provide leadership for that collaboration. The amendment requires the council to report annually to the governor and the legislature. **Vote 18-0. 2008**

171-A:32 New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders Established; Duties.

I. There is established a council on autism spectrum disorders to provide leadership in promoting comprehensive and quality education, health care, and services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. The members of the council shall be as follows:

- (a) The governor, or designee.
- (b) The commissioner of the department of education, or designee.
- (c) The commissioner of the department of health and human services, or designee.
- (d) The director of the division of public health services, department of health and human services.
- (e) The bureau chief of the bureau of developmental services, department of health and human services.
- (f) The bureau chief of the bureau of behavioral health,

department of health and human services.

(g) The director of the division of instruction, department of education.

(h) The director of the division of career technology and adult learning, department of education.

(i) The director of the Institute on Disability, University of New Hampshire, or designee.

(j) A special education director, appointed by the New Hampshire Association of Special Education Administrators, Inc.

(k) The president of the New Hampshire Medical Society, or designee.

(l) A representative of the New Hampshire Developmental Disabilities Council, appointed by the council.

(m) A representative of the Autism Society of New Hampshire, appointed by the society.

(n) An individual who has an autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the governor.

(o) A family member of a person who has an autism spectrum disorder, appointed by the governor.

(p) A representative of the Community Support Network, Inc., appointed by such organization.

(q) A representative of the New Hampshire Psychological Association, appointed by the association.

II. The council shall:

(a) Provide leadership on training, policy, research, and coordination of supports and services for individuals and their families.

- (b) Provide information to families and individuals with autism spectrum disorder about evidenced-based and promising practices for community-based education, support, and treatment.
- (c) Collaborate with schools and other service systems to identify exemplary supports and services and promote successful practices throughout New Hampshire.
- (d) Provide mediation, when needed, to ensure that individuals with autism spectrum disorders receive appropriate supports and services.
- (e) Increase resources for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families by accessing federal and state grants and pursuing development opportunities through foundations, corporations, and planned giving.
- (f) Serve as an information clearinghouse for individuals, families, and providers seeking diagnosticians,

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III. The department of health and human services shall provide administrative support to the council.

190:2 Applicability. The first meeting of the New Hampshire council on autism spectrum disorders, established in RSA 171-A:32, shall be called by the commissioner of the department of health and human services within 45 days of the effective date of this act.

January 22, 2013

Health and Human Services Committee and Elderly Affairs

RE: HB236

Representative Mariellen J. MacKay, Co-Sponsor

Chairman Representative James MacKay and Committee Members:

As one of the co-sponsors of this Bill but also one of the founding members of The Autism Council I come before you today in support of this Legislation because:

- The original intent of this Bill was to have a quorum of voters determine and decide on best interests for this Council and the constituency it serves.
- There was never a contingency plan put into place if one of the memberships could not attend.
- If a designee was sent in place of the member that person could not vote thereby rendering the Council's work at that session incomplete if there was not a quorum in attendance.
- Numerous times there would not be a quorum.

It is my considered opinion that adding the ability to have a designee attends who had the power to cast a vote would remedy this situation and make the Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders more effectual.

Thank you for granting me this time to speak and to offer my opinion as one of the original members of the Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Respectfully Submitted,
Representative Mariellen J. MacKay
Co-Sponsor

Kristen Murr

The NH Council on Autism Spectrum Disorder was created in 2008, following the publication of a series of findings and recommendations by a Blue Ribbon Commission that reviewed the needs of the rapidly rising number of individuals in NH identified with an autism spectrum disorder.

I have been asked to describe briefly some of the accomplishments of the Council, as well as comment on the work that still needs to be done.

Perhaps the most significant accomplishment has been securing the passage of Connor's Law, which aligns health insurance coverage for the treatment of ASD to the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Specifically, it requires state-regulated group policies to cover an approach called "Applied Behavior Analysis" or ABA, which is used by clinical professionals to reduce the interfering symptoms of ASD and to increase desirable behaviors such as communication. ABA has a long history of research supporting its efficacy, especially when provided for 25 or more hours a week to very young children. There are not at least four group practices in NH that are providing intensive early treatment to children with ASD. The results are remarkable and the healthcare dollars invested promise to pay long term dividend to NH in terms of the reduced need for special education and long term care services.

But, this work is far from finished. I visited one of these ABA clinics recently, a program called Ready, Set, Connect here in Concord, which is operated by Crotched Mountain. I learned that they have to turn away more than 2/3rds of the families that come to them seeking treatment for their child, because they do not have the right kind of insurance. Most of these children have NH Medicaid as either primary or secondary insurance, and NH Medicaid does not cover ABA. In other words, low income children do not have the same benefit as children with employer-based health insurance.

Another area of accomplishment has been the work of the Council's Committee on Early Screening and Diagnosis, which has held two separate training series for early childhood educators and pediatric healthcare providers. The message, "Learn the Signs. Act Early," is widely understood in NH and we are pleased to see that the NH Registry on ASD, which tracks patterns in diagnosis of this disorder, shows that fully 1/3 of children are diagnosed before the age of three.

But there is still a great deal of work to be done: Physicians and families alike continue to struggle with moving diagnosed individuals quickly into appropriate treatment and supports. Outside of the Concord-Portsmouth-Nashua axis, there are almost no providers, even for those families fortunate enough to have appropriate insurance.

In partnership with Easter Seals, the Council has been extraordinarily successful in increasing awareness of ASD among First Responders, especially law enforcement. Our partner at Easter Seals provides a 2 hour training to every cadet at the NH Police Academy, and today, over 300 cadets have

participated, raising their awareness of the symptoms of ASD and how to deescalate situations involving someone with this condition.

But there is still a great deal of work to be done: In a study published last in October in the journal *Pediatrics*, researchers from the Kennedy Krieger Institute found that nearly half of children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are reported to wander or “bolt”, and more than half of these children go missing. It is crucial that pediatric healthcare providers become more aware of the unique safety issues associate with ASD and that they discuss these openly with families.

Finally, we are please to be working with Vocational Rehabilitation and Community Bridges here in Concord to pilot a new “coaching” program for adults with ASD. “Coaching,” which should not be confused with traditional job coaching, is an emerging best practice in supporting what VR professionals have identified as a very challenging group of customers – those with high functioning autism, meaning that these are individuals who are verbal and who do not have an intellectual disability. In fact, many of these individuals have post-secondary degrees, but because so much of the modern workplace involves complex social interactions, these individuals are chronically un or under employed.

There is still an enormous amount of work to do in the area of adult services: In the largest population-based study to date, researchers examined data from the National Longitudinal Transition Study 2 (NLTS2), a 10-year prospective study of youth receiving special education services. Yet nearly seven years after high school, 35 percent of autistic young adults still had no paid employment or education beyond high school. This is an unacceptably poor return on the investment of special education, and a tragic waste of human potential. We need to continue to look at how this issue impacts NH and to pilot creative ways that the more than 2000 young people wiht ASD in our public schools can put their education to work for NH employers.

January 21, 2013

Members of the NH House Committee on Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs

RE: HB 236

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to ask you to support HB 236, which would revise membership on the NH Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). I am currently serving as the Governor-appointed self-advocate to the Council, a position I have held proudly since 2008 when I was appointed by Governor John Lynch.

I understand that one of the main reasons to revise the enabling statute for the Council is that my colleague wish to include more self-advocates. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a very broad subject, indeed; hence the term "spectrum" in its title. I feel the same way as my colleagues and hope to attract more members of the New Hampshire community to the Council, including those who are on the spectrum and others who have a vested interest in our unique population.

My needs are different from other self-advocates, and they should not be dismissed. For example, as an adult I am especially interested in having **more gainful and a sustainable employment**. I currently work for the Institute on Disability/UCED in a federally grant-funded program. Due to the economic status of the country, my hours were cut to 12 hours a week a few years ago. It is a known fact that many adults with autism are either under-employed or not employed at all. There have been research studies on this subject, and the numbers are alarming, but this is the reality of those living with autism. I also have very high out-of-pocket medical expenses each month as I have an Autism Service Dog.

I am sure that other individuals with ASD have different issues, but all our voices must be heard in order for even small changes to begin in this state. Awareness of disabilities has grown so much over the last twenty year, but it is important that we do not forget those we come to serve. People who have autism have minds which are very different than those who do not have autism. Our contribution is valuable and variable. Please support broader representation by self-advocates on the NH Council on ASD.


Amy H. Frechette, A.S.

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Council History

The New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders was created by the NH Legislature in 2008 to provide coordinated leadership in addressing the healthcare, education, and service needs of individuals who experience autism or a related disability. The Council is composed of stakeholders from state agencies, non-profit organizations, and advocacy groups. It meets quarterly and all meetings are open to the public. See www.nhcouncilonasd.org for details.

Council Accomplishments

In collaboration with many partner organizations, the Council has helped to:

- Build a virtual resource center for families at www.nhcouncilonasd.org/Portals.html.
- Secure the passage of Connor's Law which mandates health insurance coverage for the treatment of ASD.
- Train primary care providers to meet American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for universal screening at 18 and 24 months.
- Establish an ASD training at the NH Police Academy.
- Introduce NH to emerging best-practices in supporting adults with ASD.
- Develop a group of highly trained parent-to-parent volunteers to assist families facing a new diagnosis on the autism spectrum or transition.

The New Hampshire Council on ASD gratefully acknowledges it's partner organizations whose support is critical to improving the lives of individuals with a diagnosis on the autism spectrum:

Bureau of Developmental Services
Community Support Network, Inc. (CSNI)
Easter Seals, NH
Endowment for Health
NH Autism Society
NH Council on Developmental Disabilities
NH Pediatric Society
Special Medical Services
Institute on Disability

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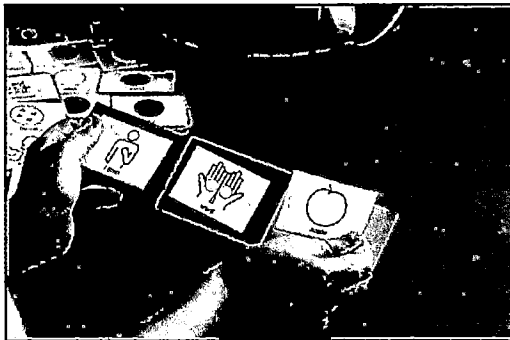
The New Hampshire Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders



*Putting the Pieces Together
in the Granite State*

New Hampshire Faces the Challenge of Autism

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a complex neurologically-based developmental disability, marked by difficulty in communication and social interaction, as well as unusual behaviors or thought patterns. ASD varies widely both in its presenting symptoms and in its severity. It may be accompanied by sensory differences, speech delay or absence, cognitive impairment, chronic medical conditions, and motor involvement



For reasons that are not yet well understood, the incidence of ASD appears to be rising rapidly, and states throughout the country are struggling to realign resources to meet the unique needs of this population. The Centers for Disease Control recently found that one in 88 children has some form of autism. Because the symptoms of ASD are highly treatable, early identification and treatment are critical to achieving improved outcomes for individuals who experience ASD. Equally important, is developing a widespread appreciation for the unique strengths of individuals with ASD and transforming our schools, job settings, and communities into places of welcome and accommodation.

Council Goals: Putting the Pieces Together in the Granite State

I. A Strong Public Health Infrastructure

The State of New Hampshire will provide leadership to ensure that at all levels—local, regional, and state—services for individuals with ASD are provided in the most timely, collaborative, and effective manner possible. This includes developing and supporting a service infrastructure that is multi-disciplinary, person-centered, and easily accessed by children and adults with ASD and their families.

II. Universal Screening, Timely Diagnosis, and Prompt Referral

All New Hampshire children will be screened for ASD before age two. All children suspected of having ASD will be referred immediately for early supports and services and undergo a diagnostic evaluation within 45 days. All children with a diagnosis of ASD will have begun a robust program of evidence-based intervention and treatment within 45 days of diagnosis.

III. Successful Transition to Adulthood

All New Hampshire students and young adults with ASD will be given the opportunities and supports needed to make a successful transition to adulthood and to be engaged and contributing members of their community.



IV. Safety

All providers of emergency services will be aware of the sensory, behavioral, and social differences of individuals with ASD and how to appropriately accommodate their needs.

V. Highly Trained Personnel

Expand evidence-based, high quality pre-service and in-service professional development, technical assistance, and mentoring opportunities to ensure that New Hampshire has a workforce that is capable and confident in its ability to support individuals with ASD to be fully included in all aspects of their community.

VI. Braided Funding and Equitable Health Insurance Coverage

Funds from multiple sources—public and private, federal and state—will be brought together to ensure that New Hampshire can develop and sustain the infrastructure, workforce, and knowledge-base necessary to meet the public health challenges of ASD, and that the individuals served by this system receive medically necessary treatment(s) and the ongoing support needed to live a productive life of their own choosing.

— Report of the NH Commission on ASD, April 2008

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 236

BILL TITLE: relative to membership of the council on autism spectrum disorders.

DATE: January 23, 2013

LOB ROOM: 205

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. Richard Meaney OLS Document #: 2013 0047h

Sponsor: Rep. Mariellen MacKay OLS Document #:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

Motions: OTP OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Laurie Harding

Seconded by Rep. Mariellen MacKay

Vote: 17-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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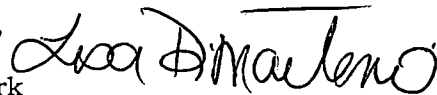
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(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill #: 236 Title: Relative to membership of the Council on autism

PH Date: 01 / 22 / 2013 spectrum disorders. Exec Session Date: 1 / 23 / 2013

Motion: _____ Amendment #: 1 (2013-0023h)

MEMBER

YEAS

NAYS

Mackay, James R, Chairman	✓	
- Harding, Laurie , V Chairman	✓	
French, Barbara C	✓	
n/s Donovan, Thomas E		
Tilton, Joy K	✓	
Andrews-Ahearn, E. Elaine	✓	
DiMartino, Lisa	✓	
n/s Helmstetter, Barbara S		
n/s Hunt, Jane J, Clerk		
Sherman, Thomas M	✓	
Ticehurst, Susan J	✓	
McMahon, Charles E	✓	
Emerson, Susan ,	✓	
Kotowski, Frank R,	✓	
Martel, Andre A	✓	
LeBrun, Donald L	✓	
Culbert, Patrick L	✓	
Meaney, Richard E	✓	
Nelson, Bill G	✓	
Schmidt, Stephen J	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	17	



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Amendment #: 2 2013-0038h

MEMBER

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Mackay, James R, Chairman	✓	
Harding, Laurie, V Chairman	✓	
French, Barbara C	✓	
Donovan, Thomas E		
Tilton, Joy K	✓	
Andrews-Ahearn, E. Elaine	✓	
DiMartino, Lisa	✓	
Helmstetter, Barbara S		
Hunt, Jane J, Clerk		
Sherman, Thomas M	✓	
Ticehurst, Susan J	✓	
McMahon, Charles E	✓	
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French, Barbara C	✓	
Donovan, Thomas E	A ✓	
Tilton, Joy K	✓	
Andrews-Ahearn, E. Elaine	✓	
DiMartino, Lisa	✓	
Helmstetter, Barbara S	A	
Hunt, Jane J, Clerk	A	
Sherman, Thomas M	✓	
Ticehurst, Susan J	✓	
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Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 24, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS to which was referred HB236,

AN ACT relative to membership of the council on autism spectrum disorders. Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT.

Rep. Laurie Harding

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS
Bill Number:	HB236
Title:	relative to membership of the council on autism spectrum disorders.
Date:	January 24, 2013
Consent Calendar:	YES
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill amends the statute for the council on autism which was established in 2008. The bill allows several members to assign a designee in order to enhance the possibility of a quorum. The bill also amends the duties of the council so there is no longer an expectation that mediation is a council responsibility.

Vote 17-0.

Rep. Laurie Harding
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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CONSENT CALENDAR

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

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COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly

BILL NUMBER: HB 236

TITLE: Relative to membership of the Council on autism spectrum disorders.

DATE: January 23, 2013 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
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- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.
<u>0023 & 0013</u>

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 17-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. Laurie Harding
For the Committee

*approved
JRH*