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## **2025-2026 Priority Bills**

*Advocates for Autism of Massachusetts,  
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### **Workforce Incentives**

H2104/S1325: An Act relative to meeting human service demand by modernizing incentives for the direct care workforce (Rep. Garballey, Sen. Feeney)

### **Family Members as Paid Caregivers**

H1394/S886: An Act relative to family members serving as caregivers (Rep. O'Day, Sen. Lovely)

### **Blue Envelope**

H3655/S2348: An Act facilitating better interactions between police officers and persons with autism spectrum disorder (Rep. Domb, Sen. Comerford)

### **Police Training**

H2686/S1741: An Act relative to police interactions with persons on the autism spectrum (Rep. Rogers, Sen. Moore)

### **Nicky's Law Expansion**

H243/S139: An Act updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities (Rep. Garballey, Sen. Keenan) and S165: An Act to update Nicky's Law to protect individuals with disabilities in MassHealth day habilitation programs (Sen. Moore)

### **MassHealth ABA Coverage**

H1351/S871: An Act ensuring equal access to medical treatments essential for people with a developmental disability, intellectual disability, or autism (Rep. Barber, Sen. Keenan)

### **Healthcare Standards**

H242/S149: An Act to enhance standards of care for those with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities (Rep. Garballey, Sen. Lewis)

### **Transitional Planning & Accountability**

H752/S313: An Act strengthening transitional planning and increasing accountability for persons with disabilities and their families (Rep. Whipps, Sen. Comerford)

### **IEP Interpreters**

H520/S320: An Act relative to the training, assessment, and assignment of qualified school interpreters in educational settings (Rep. Cabral, Sen. Crighton)

### **Education Protections**

H650/S436: An Act relative to affirming and maintaining equal access to public education for all children (Rep. Moran, Rep. Peisch, Sen. Payano)

### **AAC Devices**

H514/S418: An Act to improve augmentative and alternative communication opportunities for children with disabilities (Rep. Barber, Sen. O'Connor)

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