

HOUSE No. 103**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker*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 providing immediate childcare assistance to homeless families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>

<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>

<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>

HOUSE No. 103

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 103) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to state benefits and assistance for certain children in homeless families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing immediate childcare assistance to homeless families.

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 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 19. (a) A family placed in temporary emergency assistance shelter and receiving
4 TAFDC assistance from the department of transitional assistance shall be eligible for the
5 department of early education and care's homeless child care assistance vouchers when the
6 family first arrives at the shelter and at any time the family chooses while residing in the shelter.

7 (b) A family receiving TAFDC assistance and living in a any type of shelter shall be
8 eligible for a full-time child care referral from the department of transitional assistance.

9 (c) A letter verifying shelter residency will qualify a family receiving TAFDC assistance
10 for a full-time childcare referral from the department of transitional assistance.

(d) Upon entry to a temporary emergency assistance shelter, domestic violence shelter, substance abuse and recovery shelter or non-emergency assistance shelter, children ages zero to three years old will be screened for development risk factors and/or delays. Screening standards will be established in coordination with the Department of Public Health.

SECTION 2. The department shall adopt regulations or policies for the administration of this act within 90 days of the effective date of this act.