

HOUSE No. 200

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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>3/26/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>

<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 200) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to childcare assistance to homeless families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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 2018 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 regardless of whether they meet work requirements as determined by the Department of
8 Transitional Assistance.

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

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

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

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