

HOUSE No. 4074

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio

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 establishing a program to promote infant sleep safety.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. DiZoglio of Methuen, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Diana DiZoglio and others that the Department of Children and Families be authorized to establish a program that promotes infant sleep safety. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a program to promote infant sleep safety.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 86. (a) The department of children and families, hereinafter the department, shall
3 establish a safe sleep program through which the department shall provide: (1) infant safety
4 information on its website for expecting and new parents, including an online training course
5 designed to educate expecting and new parents on infant safety and safe sleep techniques; and
6 (2) safe sleep boxes for infants and additional infant care necessities to expecting and new
7 parents who have completed such training course to the satisfaction of the department. The
8 department may enter into partnership agreements with public or private entities to administer
9 the program.

10 (b)The department shall prepare and make available on the department’s website, in an
11 easily printable format, information on infant mortality prevention devices or safe sleep boxes,
12 and a link to the program providing such devices to expecting and new parents. The department

13 shall update the information available on their website whenever new information about the
14 devices and the program becomes available.

15 (c)The department shall ensure, in consultation with all other state agencies that the
16 information posted on its website, including the link to the program providing the infant
17 mortality prevention devices or safe sleep boxes, is made available on the websites of every state
18 agency, and is updated as necessary.

19 (d) The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to implement this section and
20 the program established pursuant to this section in accordance with chapter 30A.