

HOUSE No. 4272

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 2, 2021.

The committee on Public Health to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2383) of James J. O'Day, Sal N. DiDomenico and Carmine Lawrence Gentile relative to pediatric palliative care program eligibility, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4272) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MARJORIE C. DECKER.

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

An Act regarding the Pediatric Palliative Care Program.

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: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the words “subject to
3 appropriation”.

4 SECTION 2: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by striking out, in line 9, the figure “19” and inserting in place thereof the following
6 figure:- 22

7 SECTION 3: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 amended by striking out, in lines 28 to 32, the words "The program established by this
9 section shall not give rise to enforceable legal rights in any party or an enforceable entitlement to
10 the services described in this section and nothing stated in this section shall be construed as
11 giving rise to such enforceable legal rights or such enforceable entitlement", and inserting in
12 place thereof the following sentences:- All eligible children shall have access to these services.

- 13 The department shall report caseload information and spending projections quarterly to the house
- 14 and senate committees on ways and means.