

HOUSE No. 714

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Andres X. Vargas

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 relative to universal school meals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>

<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/7/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	<i>2/11/2021</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>3/7/2021</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/18/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 714

By Mr. Vargas of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 714) of Andres X. Vargas and others relative to universal school meals and requiring schools to promote the supplemental nutrition assistance program to families. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to universal school meals.

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 1C of Chapter 69 of the General Law, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following:- “The
3 board shall require all schools providing school lunch as provided in the National School Lunch
4 Act as amended or school breakfast as provided in the National Child Nutrition Act as amended,
5 to make breakfast and lunch available at no charge to each attending student. Schools shall
6 maximize access to federal funds for the cost of school breakfast and lunch programs by
7 adopting the federal Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2, or other provisions under
8 these acts.

9 To the extent that costs are not reimbursed through federal funds the cost of making
10 available school lunches and breakfasts shall be borne by the department of elementary and
11 secondary education. The department shall reimburse the difference between the amount paid by

12 the United States Department of Agriculture and the free rate as set annually by the United States
13 Secretary of Agriculture under 42 U.S.C. 1759a for each school.

14 The department, in consultation with the department of transitional assistance, shall
15 promulgate regulations for schools to promote the supplemental nutrition assistance program to
16 families by either providing application assistance or a direct referral to an outreach partner
17 identified by the department of transitional assistance or department of elementary and secondary
18 education.”

19 SECTION 2: Sections under this act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.