

HOUSE No. 01061

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Elizabeth A. Malia

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Suffolk

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By Ms. Elizabeth A. Malia of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01061) of Elizabeth A. Malia relative to assignment level standards for providers by the department of early education and care. Joint Committee on Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care.

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 2008 Official Edition, is
- 2 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:-
- 3 Section 17. The commissioner shall ensure that no licensor shall have assignment levels of day
- 4 care centers or family day care homes in excess of the standards set forth by the National
- 5 Association for the Education of Young Children and shall request the same in the Office's
- 6 budget request to the General Court. Reasonable assignment levels shall be established for
- 7 residential and placement licensors and investigators in order to provide adequate protection and
- 8 quality care for children in licensed facilities. The commissioner's annual budget request to the
- 9 General Court shall include sufficient funding to meet said assignment levels.