

HOUSE No. 108

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato

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 to promote healthy families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of Paul J. Donato, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Sean Garballey for legislation to establish a statewide neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home visiting program for certain at-risk newborns. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to promote healthy 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. The second paragraph of section 203 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (10) the
3 following clause:-

4 (11) to administer a statewide neonatal and postnatal home parenting education and home
5 visiting program for at-risk newborns. Such program shall be made available to first-time
6 parents under 23 years of age with a priority given to low-income parents.

7 SECTION 2. Clause (11) of the second paragraph of section 203 of chapter 6 of the
8 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the figure “23” and inserting in place thereof
9 the following figure:- 26.

10 SECTION 3. Section 1 shall take effect July 1, 2019.

11 SECTION 4. Section 2 shall take effect July 1, 2020.