

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 130**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.***

*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 the placement of children in foster care.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                            | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> | <i>1/16/2023</i> |

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 130) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. relative to the placement of children in foster care. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 190 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the placement of children in foster 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 18B of General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 26 the following new Section:-

3           SECTION 26. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, the  
4 department shall require the language spoken by the child must be the same language spoken in  
5 the foster family.