

HOUSE No. 1671

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna L. O'Connell

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 creating an opportunity wage for teens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1671) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others relative to wages paid to persons under eighteen years of age. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1021 OF 2017-2018.]

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

An Act relative to creating an opportunity wage for teens.

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 of chapter 151 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph the following:—

3 This section shall not apply to workers under the age of eighteen. A wage which is lower
4 than the minimum wage by more than 20%, in any occupation, shall conclusively be presumed to
5 be oppressive and unreasonable, unless the commissioner has expressly approved or shall
6 expressly approve the establishment and payment of a lesser wage under the provisions of
7 sections seven and nine.