

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01861**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James J. O'Day*

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*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 to establish caseloads at the Department of Children and Families.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James J. O'Day*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*14th Worcester*

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By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1861) of O'Day relative to establishing caseload rates at the Department of Social Services Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 163 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to establish caseloads at the Department of Children and 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. Section 7(a) of Chapter 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by removing the words "establish reasonable caseload rates and report the same to the General
- 3 Court in the budget estimates of the Department" and inserting in its place the following:
- 4 "ensure that no social worker will carry a caseload in excess of the standards set forth by the
- 5 Child Welfare League of America and shall request the same in the Department's budget request
- 6 to the General Court."

7 SECTION 2. Section 12(5) of Chapter 18B is amended by inserting at the end of the first  
8 sentence, "Said budget shall be consistent with caseload standards established by the Child  
9 Welfare League of America."