

HOUSE No. 1962

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, 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 foster care recruitment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1962) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation by the Department of Children and Families of launching a foster parent recruitment campaign. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to foster care recruitment.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department
2 of Children and Families (DCF) shall investigate and report on the feasibility and best practices
3 of launching an organized and focused foster parent recruitment campaign. As part of its report,
4 DCF shall include, but not be limited to, information on the costs associated with such a
5 recruitment effort, information on current recruitment practices, current costs of recruitment, and
6 difficulties impeding DCF’s ability to recruit additional foster parents. DCF shall file its report
7 with the chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, as well
8 as with the clerks of the house and senate, no later than July 1, 2017.