

HOUSE No. 2796

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 Providing immediate childcare assistance to homeless families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kate D. Campanale</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>

<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

HOUSE No. 2796

By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2796) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to providing child care assistance to homeless families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 79 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act Providing immediate childcare assistance to homeless 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. Chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 19. (a) A family residing in a temporary shelter, including but not limited to a
4 congregate, motel, co-sheltering or scattered-site shelter provided through the department of
5 housing and community development, a shelter provided through the department of public health
6 or a domestic violence shelter, shall be deemed to meet the department’s service need
7 requirements for subsidized full-time child care and shall be eligible for subsidized child care for
8 a minimum of 6 months while residing in said shelter. If, after 6 months, a family continues to
9 reside in shelter, financial and non-service need eligibility factors shall be verified in order to
10 receive subsidized child care.

11 (b) Parents receiving a child care subsidy pursuant to this section after 6 months in shelter
12 may be required to contribute to the cost of child care services they receive in accordance with
13 the sliding fee scale established by the department pending verification of financial and other
14 non-service need eligibility factors.

15 (c) A family receiving a child care subsidy pursuant to this section shall continue to be
16 deemed to meet the department's service need requirements for full-time subsidized child care
17 for 30 days after the family leaves shelter. A family seeking to continue to receive child care
18 financial assistance for more than 30 days after the family leaves shelter shall continue to receive
19 such assistance provided the family meets the department's requirements for an income eligible
20 child care subsidy.

21 SECTION 2. The department of early education and care shall adopt regulations or
22 policies to implement this act within 90 days of the effective date of this act.