

HOUSE No. 404

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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 to ensure parity for all child care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

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By Ms. Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 404) of Christine P. Barber and others that the Department of Early Education and Care reimburse family child care providers and center-based providers at the same rate. Education.

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

An Act to ensure parity for all child care providers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 15D of the General Laws as appearing in the 2017 Official Edition is hereby
2 amended by adding the following:

3 Section 19. Parity for all child care providers

4 No later than January 1st, 2022, the department of early education and care shall
5 reimburse family child care providers and center-based providers at the same rate. To meet this
6 requirement, the department shall not lower the reimbursement rate provided to center-based
7 providers and shall instead create parity by increasing the reimbursement rate of family child
8 care providers.