

HOUSE No. 4491

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 2020.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 133) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by the Department of Children and Families of launching a foster parent recruitment campaign, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4491) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KAY KHAN.

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

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, annually, not
2 later than October 31, the department of children and families shall submit a special report
3 on its foster care campaign to recruit new foster parents to the child advocate, the clerks of the
4 senate and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the
5 joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities. The report shall be made
6 available to the public electronically in accordance with section 19 of chapter 66 of the General
7 Laws. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the: (i) number of new foster care parents as
8 a result of the foster care campaign; (ii) the costs associated with such a recruitment effort; (iii)
9 difficulties impeding DCF’s ability to recruit additional foster parents; and (ii) methods in which
10 the department is recruiting foster care parents. The department may satisfy the reporting
11 requirements of this section by providing the requested information in an annual report filed.

12 SECTION 2. Section 1 is hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 3. Section 2 shall take effect on December 31, 2022.