

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 493**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*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 independent child protection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Steven S. Howitt*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Bristol*

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 493) of Steven S. Howitt relative to education costs of children with disabilities. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to independent child protection.

*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, if a child with a  
2    disability for whom a school committee currently provides or arranges for the provision of  
3    special education in an approved private day or residential school placement, including  
4    placement in a pediatric nursing home or his/her parent or guardian moves to a different school  
5    district, such school committee of the former community of residence shall pay the approved  
6    budgeted costs, including necessary transportation costs, safety expenses and inspections, of such  
7    day or residential placement, including placement in a pediatric nursing home, of such child for  
8    the balance of such fiscal year.