

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 85**

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**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 relative to the well being and care of a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</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>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</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>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 85) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to the well being and care of a children and aid to parents with dependent children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the well being and care of a child.

*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: Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence:- Notwithstanding chapter 5 of  
3 the acts of 1995 or any general or other special law to the contrary, aid shall be provided for each  
4 such child or children without regard to whether the child was conceived or born after the parent  
5 began receiving aid under this chapter.

6           SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995, as amended  
7 by section 21 of chapter 158 of the acts of 2014, is hereby amended by striking out the definition  
8 of “Child of record.”

9           SECTION 3. Said section 110 of said chapter 5 is hereby amended by striking out  
10 subsection (c).

11           SECTION 4. Clause (3) of subsection (e) of said section 110 of said chapter 5 is hereby  
12 amended by striking out the words “recipients with a child of record under the age of two years

13 or any child other than the child of record who is under the age of three months,” and inserting in  
14 place thereof the following words: -- recipients with a child under the age of two years.

15 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of subsection (j) of said section 110 of said chapter 5, as  
16 amended by section 218 of chapter 149 of the acts of 2004, is hereby amended by striking out the  
17 second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: -- The program shall  
18 require that the head of household in each such family, or both parents in a 2-parent family, shall  
19 participate in work-related activities for 20 hours each week if the youngest child in the family is  
20 between the age of 2 and the age at which full time schooling is mandatory, and for 30 hours  
21 each week if the youngest child in the family is the age at which full time schooling is mandatory  
22 or older.

23 SECTION 6. Said subsection (j) of said section 110 of said chapter 5, as amended by  
24 section 528 of chapter 26 of the acts of 2003, is hereby further amended by striking out the last  
25 paragraph.

26 SECTION 7. The second sentence of section 130 of said chapter 5 is hereby amended by  
27 striking out the words “the ineligibility of children born after the child of record for assistance;”.