

SENATE No. 138

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan L. Moran

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 support children with neonatal abstinence syndrome.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>

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By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 138) of Susan L. Moran, Steven G. Xiarhos and Michael O. Moore for legislation to support children with neonatal abstinence syndrome. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to support children with neonatal abstinence syndrome.

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 the
2 commissioner of the department of development services shall include neonatal abstinence
3 syndrome under the definition of Closely Related Development Conditions as defined under 115
4 CMR 2 and 115 CMR 6.06(1).

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 123B, section 2 is hereby amended by inserting after the first
6 paragraph the following paragraph:

7 The department of developmental services shall promulgate regulations to facilitate
8 interagency coordination with agencies including, but not limited to, the department of public
9 health, the department of mental health, and the department of early and secondary education and
10 continuation of care during and in the transition provision of Children’s Supports to support
11 access to health care and other services to improve social determinants of health.