

**SENATE . . . . . No. 314**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

*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 universal school meals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>

<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/12/2021</i>
<i>Rob Consalvo</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/4/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 314) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Mathew J. Muratore, Steven Ultrino, Mike Connolly and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to universal school meals. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to universal school meals.

*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 1C of Chapter 69 of the General Law, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following:- “The  
3 board shall require all schools providing school lunch as provided in the National School Lunch  
4 Act as amended or school breakfast as provided in the National Child Nutrition Act as amended,  
5 to make breakfast and lunch available at no charge to each attending student. Schools shall  
6 maximize access to federal funds for the cost of school breakfast and lunch programs by  
7 adopting the federal Community Eligibility Provision, Provision 2, or other provisions under  
8 these acts.

9           To the extent that costs are not reimbursed through federal funds the cost of making  
10 available school lunches and breakfasts shall be borne by the department of elementary and  
11 secondary education. The department shall reimburse the difference between the amount paid by

12 the United States Department of Agriculture and the free rate as set annually by the United States  
13 Secretary of Agriculture under 42 U.S.C. 1759a for each school.

14 The department, in consultation with the department of transitional assistance, shall  
15 promulgate regulations for schools to promote the supplemental nutrition assistance program to  
16 families by either providing application assistance or a direct referral to an outreach partner  
17 identified by the department of transitional assistance or department of elementary and secondary  
18 education.”

19 SECTION 2: Sections under this act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.