

**SENATE . . . . . No. 36**

**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 to lift kids out of deep poverty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/19/2019</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 36) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Paul R. Feeney, William N. Brownsberger, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to lift kids out of deep poverty. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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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 to lift kids out of deep poverty.

*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 striking  
2 the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for  
4 monthly benefits for the program not including the rental allowance shall be increased effective  
5 July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2019 by 10 percent above the payment standard in  
6 effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50  
7 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the  
8 payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the  
9 household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order  
10 that the payment standard shall be no less than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as  
11 determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services; provided further, that the  
12 need standard and the payment amounts shall be further increased by the amount of a clothing

13 allowance in the month for which it is paid and by the rental allowance for households incurring  
14 a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public or subsidized housing.

15 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 117A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
16 inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:-

17 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for  
18 monthly benefits for the program shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning  
19 with July 1, 2019 by 10 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year  
20 until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level  
21 for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size  
22 equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall  
23 be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less  
24 than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of  
25 Health and Human Services.