

**SENATE . . . . . No. 34**

**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 the cap on kids.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/24/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>

<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Juana B. Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/21/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>4/10/2017</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/10/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>5/8/2017</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/3/2017</i>

**SENATE . . . . . No. 34**

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of Sal N. DiDomenico, James B. Eldridge, Jose F. Tosado, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to remove the welfare benefit cap for children conceived while a family is receiving assistance. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act to lift the cap on kids.

*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, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following  
3 sentence:- Notwithstanding chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 or any general or other special law to  
4 the contrary, aid shall be provided for each such child or children without regard to whether the  
5 child was conceived or born after the parent 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;”.