

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1061**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. Malia*

*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 creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1061) of Elizabeth A. Malia relative to assignment level standards for providers by the department of early education and care. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care.

*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. Chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:-

3 Section 17. The commissioner shall ensure that no licensor shall have assignment levels  
4 of day care centers or family day care homes in excess of the standards set forth by the National  
5 Association for the Education of Young Children and shall request the same in the Office's  
6 budget request to the General Court. Reasonable assignment levels shall be established for  
7 residential and placement licensors and investigators in order to provide adequate protection and  
8 quality care for children in licensed facilities. The commissioner's annual budget request to the  
9 General Court shall include sufficient funding to meet said assignment levels.