

HOUSE No. 310

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 provide equal access to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/22/2019</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 310) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to dispute resolution processes within the Bureau of Special Education Appeals. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to provide equal access to the Bureau of Special Education Appeals.

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 2A of chapter 71B of the general laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following subsection at the end of the section 2A:

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4 (f) The director, under the direction and supervision of the chief administrative
5 magistrate, shall hire an attorney to serve as pro se facilitator who shall provide unrepresented
6 parents with oral and written information, but not legal advice or representation, so that they may
7 access the bureau’s dispute resolution processes.