

HOUSE No. 3223

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 full-day kindergarten.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3223) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to universal full-day kindergarten. Education.

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

An Act relative to universal full-day kindergarten.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 4A, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 Section 4B. All school districts shall offer a full-time kindergarten program that is subject
4 to the same minimum requirements that the board establishes for length of a school day and
5 number of days in a school year for elementary schools pursuant to section 1G of chapter 69. For
6 purposes of this section, “elementary school” shall mean a school providing instruction to grades
7 1 through 5, 6, 7, or 8, and, where so designated by a school committee prior to the
8 commencement of a school year, may also include a middle school or other intermediate level
9 school providing instruction to grades 5 through 6 or any combination thereof.

10 School districts may apply for a Quality Full-Time Kindergarten Grant to offset the cost
11 of a full-time kindergarten program.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2016.