# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 494**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Thomas M. Stanley

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 National Background Check Fees.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	1/15/2015
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	2/4/2015
Jennifer E. Benson	37th Middlesex	2/2/2015
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth	1/21/2015
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	1/29/2015
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	2/2/2015
Kate D. Campanale	17th Worcester	2/3/2015
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth	1/27/2015
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	2/1/2015
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk	1/30/2015
Claire D. Cronin	11th Plymouth	1/22/2015
Daniel Cullinane	12th Suffolk	2/4/2015
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	1/30/2015
James J. Dwyer	30th Middlesex	1/29/2015
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	1/29/2015
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/29/2015
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	2/4/2015
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	1/22/2015

Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and	1/30/2015
	Middlesex	
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	2/2/2015
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	1/29/2015
Patricia A. Haddad	5th Bristol	2/3/2015
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex	2/2/2015
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	1/26/2015
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol	1/31/2015
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin	1/30/2015
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	1/21/2015
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	1/26/2015
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	1/22/2015
John J. Mahoney	13th Worcester	2/3/2015
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	2/4/2015
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	1/26/2015
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex	2/2/2015
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	1/22/2015
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk	2/1/2015
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester	2/4/2015
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester	1/26/2015
William Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire	2/4/2015
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	1/20/2015
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	1/30/2015
Dennis A. Rosa	4th Worcester	1/30/2015
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	2/3/2015
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	2/2/2015
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	2/2/2015
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	1/29/2015
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	2/3/2015
James T. Welch	Hampden	1/30/2015

### HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 494

By Mr. Stanley of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 494) of Thomas M. Stanley and others for legislation to exempt employees of public school districts from fees associated with background checks. Education.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act Relative to National Background Check Fees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 38R of Chapter 71 of the general laws as amended by Chapter 77 of

the Acts of 2013, is hereby further amended adding the following new paragraph:-

Notwithstanding this section, employees of a public school district shall not be charged a

fee related to this section; provided further, that the Commonwealth shall assume all financial

obligations required for the operation and administration of said fingerprint-based criminal

6 background check related to the employees of public school districts.

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SECTION 2. Employees of a public school district who have paid a fee pursuant to

Section 38R of Chapter 71 prior to the effective date of this act, shall have the cost of said fee

credited toward future fees related to educator licenses authorized by Chapter 71 and Chapter 74

of the general laws; provided further, that the Commonwealth is hereby authorized and directed

to reimburse employees and retired employees of a public school district, who are or were not

- employed in positions requiring state licensure or who have left employment covered by this
- section and are not subject to educator license renewal, for the cost of said fee paid prior to the
- 15 effective date of this act.