

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

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

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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.

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**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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 38R of Chapter 71 of the general laws as amended by Chapter 77 of
2 the Acts of 2013, is hereby further amended adding the following new paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding this section, employees of a public school district shall not be charged a
4 fee related to this section; provided further, that the Commonwealth shall assume all financial
5 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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8 SECTION 2. Employees of a public school district who have paid a fee pursuant to
9 Section 38R of Chapter 71 prior to the effective date of this act, shall have the cost of said fee
10 credited toward future fees related to educator licenses authorized by Chapter 71 and Chapter 74
11 of the general laws; provided further, that the Commonwealth is hereby authorized and directed
12 to reimburse employees and retired employees of a public school district, who are or were not

13 employed in positions requiring state licensure or who have left employment covered by this
14 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.