

SENATE No. 221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 the Home Works Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221) of Joan B. Lovely, Theodore C. Speliotis, Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Louis L. Kafka and other members of the General Court for legislation to create the Home Works Program. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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

An Act creating the Home Works Program.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule or regulation to the contrary
2 Chapter 23B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 30 a new section

3 Section 31 (a)

4 Definitions:

5 Youth Serving Organization: An organization that provides recreational, cultural,
6 charitable, social, or other activities or services for persons under 18 years of age, and is exempt
7 from federal income tax

8 Out of School Time Program: An established licensed or non-licensed daily week day
9 program for persons under 18 years of age offered by a youth serving organization, school
10 system, or municipality, offered before and after school and during school vacation.

11 Summer Programs: An established licensed or non-licensed daily week day program for
12 persons under 18 years of age offered by a youth serving organization, school system, or
13 municipality, offered during the months of summer vacation

14 Section 31 (b)

15 Subject to appropriation the Department shall create a program to address the needs of
16 children, ages five through fourteen, residing in motels and hotels through the Emergency
17 Assistance program. The program shall from herein be known as the Home Works Program. The
18 Home Works Program shall allow out of school time and summer programs to apply for a certain
19 amount of slots funded by the Department. The Home Works Program shall be funded at an
20 adequate amount not less than 75% of local market for out of school time and summer services
21 in order for licensed and non-licensed out of school time and summer programs to provide out of
22 school time and summer programs for eligible participants as well as cover transportation costs
23 associated with transporting participants to and from the program.

24 The Department shall keep a waitlist of eligible program participants from which the out
25 of school time and camp programs may draw from to fill their slots.

26 Section 31 (c)

27 Licensed and non-licensed out of school time and summer programs may apply for
28 program slots through the Department. Said slots shall be allotted proportionally by the areas in
29 the Commonwealth that have the highest number of children residing in motels through the
30 Emergency Assistance Program and through the out of school time or summer program's
31 capacity. However a program shall not be limited in the amount of allowable slots it accepts.
32 Said out of school time and summer programs shall be able to meet the transportation

33 requirements set out by the Department before applying for slots. These include but are not
34 limited to the capacity to transport participants from their current place of residence and back to
35 said place within the time frame set out by the Department of Early Education and Care in 606
36 CMR 7.13.

37 If the participant is no longer eligible to remain in the Home Works program, the out of
38 school time or summer program may draw another eligible participant from the Home Works
39 waitlist to fill the slot.

40 If said program is unable to meet the transportation requirements set out by the
41 Department said program may work with the motel to provide out of school time and summer
42 programs on site or at another facility deemed acceptable by the Department of Housing and
43 Community

44 Section 31 (d)

45 Said out of school time programs and summer programs shall require that all staff
46 members in employment and direct care of children in the program have completed satisfactorily
47 a criminal background check that includes a comprehensive check of the National Sexual
48 Offender Registry.

49 The Home Works Program shall not be funded through the already existing funds in the
50 Emergency Assistance program.