

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 221**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Brian M. Ashe*

*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 changing the minimum age requirement for kindergarten.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Ashe of Longmeadow, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 221) of Brian M. Ashe and Denise Provost relative to the mandatory minimum age for children to attend kindergarten. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 305 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to changing the minimum age requirement for 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           The twenty-first paragraph of section 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2           in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:- The  
3           mandatory minimum age for attendance of kindergarten shall be for a child 5 years of age for  
4           attendance in the school year beginning in September of the calendar year in which he or she  
5           attains the age of 5.