

HOUSE No. 2803

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. O'Day

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 to ensure the protection of DCF social workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</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>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Adrian Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</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>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

HOUSE No. 2803

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2803) of James J. O'Day and others relative to the safety and security of social workers employed by the Department of Children and Families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to ensure the protection of DCF social workers.

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

1 Chapter 18B of the general laws shall be amended by adding a new section 26 as follows:

2 (a) The purpose of this section shall be to improve the safety and security of
3 social workers employed by the depart of children and families to carry out their responsibilities
4 without fear of personal reprisal from individuals affected by the decisions they make and
5 actions they take in the course of performing their duties.

6 (b) Each social worker employed by the depart of children and families shall be
7 provided with a state-issued identification card showing the name and position of the worker and
8 containing a recent picture. In performing any of the social worker’s duties, the social worker
9 shall display the identification card; such card shall be accepted as proof of the social worker’s
10 identity unless the person to whom it is displayed has a good faith basis for denying its
11 authenticity.

12 (c) No person or law enforcement agency shall require such social worker to provide
13 such social worker's home address or telephone number in connection with the performance of
14 the social worker's duties nor shall any person interfere with the social worker's performance of
15 the social worker's duties conditioned upon the provision of documentation or other disclosure
16 of the social worker's home address or telephone number.

17 (d) Any report of a law enforcement agency containing the home address and telephone
18 number of such social worker shall redact such information from the report prior to releasing it to
19 any person.