

HOUSE No. 3847

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>7/10/2017</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>7/14/2017</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>7/14/2017</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad, Michael J. Rodrigues and Marc R. Pacheco relative to access to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act relative to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids.

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 111G of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:

3 Section 7: If a physician makes a determination that a child was exposed to opioids
4 prenatally, the child will automatically be eligible, without an evaluation or assessment or
5 evidence of a delay, for continuing Early Intervention services until the child enters, or is eligible
6 under state law to enter, kindergarten or elementary school.