

SENATE No. 250

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 providing equal access to the bureau of special education appeals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James B. Eldridge

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Worcester

SENATE No. 250

By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 250) of James B. Eldridge for legislation to provide equal access to the bureau of special education appeals. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing equal access to the bureau of special education appeals.

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 2A of Chapter 71B of the General L, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the end thereof the following subsection:-

3 (f) The director, under the direction and supervision of the chief administrative
4 magistrate, shall hire an attorney to serve as pro se facilitator who shall provide unrepresented
5 parents with oral and written information, but not legal advice or representation, so that they may
6 access the bureau’s dispute resolution processes.