

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 133**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 foster care recruitment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 133) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by the Department of Children and Families of launching a foster parent recruitment campaign. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to foster care recruitment.

*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 to the contrary, the department of children  
2           and families (DCF) shall investigate and report on the feasibility and best practices of launching  
3           an organized and focused foster parent recruitment campaign. As part of its report, DCF shall  
4           include, but not be limited to, information on the costs associated with such a recruitment effort,  
5           information on current recruitment practices, current costs of recruitment, and difficulties  
6           impeding DCF’s ability to recruit additional foster parents. DCF shall file its report with the  
7           chairs of the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, as well as with  
8           the clerks of the house and senate, no later than July 1, 2019.