

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 428**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marjorie C. Decker*

*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 universal full-day kindergarten.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 428) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to full-day kindergarten. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to universal full-day 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           SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 4A the following section:-

3           Section 4B. All school districts shall offer a full-time kindergarten program that is subject  
4 to the same minimum requirements that the board establishes for length of a school day and  
5 number of days in a school year for elementary schools pursuant to section 1G of chapter 69. For  
6 purposes of this section, “elementary school” shall mean a school providing instruction to grades  
7 1 through 5, 6, 7, or 8, and, where so designated by a school committee prior to the  
8 commencement of a school year, may also include a middle school or other intermediate level  
9 school providing instruction to grades 5 through 6 or any combination thereof.

10           School districts may apply for a Quality Full-Time Kindergarten Grant to offset the cost  
11 of a full-time kindergarten program.

12           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 2024.