

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 496**

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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 establishing a private school tuition deduction task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2019</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>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 496) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the fiscal viability of establishing private school tuition deductions. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to establishing a private school tuition deduction task force.

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

1           There shall be a special task force to review and report on the fiscal viability of  
2   establishing a private school tuition deduction program in the commonwealth. The task force  
3   shall consist of 9 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education or  
4   their designees, who shall serve as the co-chairs of the task force; a member of the general court  
5   appointed by the senate minority leader; a member of the general court appointed by the house  
6   minority leader; the executive director of the Association of Independent Schools in New  
7   England, or a designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts Charter Public School  
8   Association, or a designee; and 3 persons to be appointed by the secretary of education , 1 of  
9   whom shall be an employee of the commonwealth in the office of the secretary of education, 2 of  
10   whom shall be selected from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary  
11   Education.

12           The task force shall: (i) identify and review the state laws, regulations, and administrative  
13 directives that relate to private school tuitions; (ii) identify the citizens that would best benefit  
14 from tuition deduction within the commonwealth; (iii) require the department of education to  
15 submit reports to the legislature based on demographic, fiscal, and educational impact; and (iv)  
16 develop recommendations to establish legislative procedures to provide funding, regulate, and  
17 grant private school tuition deduction programs in Massachusetts.

18           The task force shall submit a report, including any draft legislation and regulations, to the  
19 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate within 12 months of the passage of this act.