

**SENATE . . . . . No. 288**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Cindy F. Friedman***

*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 affordable and accessible high quality early education and care.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                     |                  |
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| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>       | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i>               |                  |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>          | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>                |                  |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>       | <i>21st Middlesex</i>                 |                  |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i>           | <i>26th Middlesex</i>                 | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>      | <i>7th Middlesex</i>                  | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i>              | <i>Cape and Islands</i>               | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i>          | <i>23rd Middlesex</i>                 | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i>           | <i>15th Worcester</i>                 | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | <i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>   | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>  | <i>14th Essex</i>                     | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>                | <i>11th Middlesex</i>                 | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>       | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>        | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>       | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>          | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>   | <i>First Worcester</i>                | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i>        | <i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>    | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>       | <i>9th Middlesex</i>                  | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>       | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i>          | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>    | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |

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| <i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>   | <i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Michael J. Barrett</i>  | <i>Third Middlesex</i>                            | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i>      | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>                        | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i>     | <i>24th Middlesex</i>                             | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i>   | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Brendan P. Crighton</i> | <i>Third Essex</i>                                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i>    | <i>2nd Bristol</i>                                | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Carlos González</i>     | <i>10th Hampden</i>                               | <i>2/4/2019</i>  |
| <i>Frank A. Moran</i>      | <i>17th Essex</i>                                 | <i>4/4/2019</i>  |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>          | <i>5/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Adam G. Hinds</i>       | <i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i> | <i>10/3/2019</i> |

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By Ms. Friedman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 288) of Cindy F. Friedman, Jason M. Lewis, Kenneth I. Gordon, Mike Connolly and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to affordable and accessible high quality early education and care. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to affordable and accessible high quality early education and care.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the  
2 commonwealth shall take steps to assure: (1) that all children in Massachusetts have access to  
3 affordable, high quality early education and child care, including care during non-standard work  
4 hours; and (2) appropriate professional development and compensation for early education and  
5 care providers.