

**SENATE . . . . . No. 37**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

*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 well-being and care of a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>2/5/2019</i>
<i>Edward J. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 37) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Harriette L. Chandler, Joan B. Lovely, William N. Brownsberger and other members of the General Court for legislation to remove the welfare benefit cap for children conceived while a family is receiving assistance. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 34 OF 2017-2018.]

**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 well-being and care of a child.

*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 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following  
3 sentence:- Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, aid shall be provided for  
4 each such child or children without regard to whether the child was conceived or born after the  
5 parent began receiving aid under this chapter.

6           SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 110 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 is hereby  
7 amended by striking out the definition of “Child of record”.

8           SECTION 3. Said section 110 of said chapter 5 is hereby further amended by striking out  
9 subsection (c).

10 SECTION 4. Clause (3) of subsection (e) of said section 110 of said chapter 5 is hereby  
11 further amended by striking out the words “of record under the age of two years or any child  
12 other than the child of record who is under the age of three months” and inserting in place  
13 thereof the following words:- under the age of 2 years.

14 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of subsection (j) of said section 110 of said chapter 5 is  
15 hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
16 following sentence:- The program shall require that the head of household in each such family,  
17 or both parents in a 2-parent family, participate in work-related activities for: (i) 20 hours each  
18 week if the youngest child in the family is between the age of 2 and the age at which full-time  
19 schooling becomes mandatory; or (ii) 30 hours each week if the youngest child in the family has  
20 reached the age at which full-time schooling is mandatory.

21 SECTION 6. Said subsection (j) of said section 110 of said chapter 5 is hereby further  
22 amended by striking out the last paragraph.

23 SECTION 7. Section 130 of said chapter 5 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5  
24 and 6, the words “; the ineligibility of children born after the child of record for assistance”.

25 SECTION 8. Sections 1 through 7, inclusive, shall be effective on January 1, 2019.