

SENATE No. 68

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 supporting families dealing with sudden infant death syndrome.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>6/10/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>6/25/2019</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 68) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to supporting families dealing with sudden infant death syndrome. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act relative to supporting families dealing with sudden infant death syndrome.

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 38 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. (a) Upon determination that sudden infant death syndrome is the presumed
4 cause of death, the office shall immediately contact the parents, guardians, and person who had
5 custody of the child, including foster parents, when applicable, to provide to that person or
6 persons information, support, referral, and follow-up services relating to sudden infant death
7 syndrome, including, but not limited to, those offered by the Massachusetts center for sudden
8 infant death syndrome located at Boston Medical Center.

9 (b) The office, in consultation with the state and local multidisciplinary child fatality
10 review teams and other parties as deemed necessary, shall develop printed materials containing
11 the information required in subsection (a) to be distributed to the person or persons who had

- 12 custody and control of the infant who died with sudden infant death syndrome the presumed
- 13 cause of death.