

HOUSE No. 192

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Biele, (BY REQUEST)

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 relating to phone service for foster children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bill Trabucco</i>		<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Mr. Biele of Boston (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 192) of Bill Trabucco relative to certain foster children being provided smart phones to assure additional oversight and protection. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 91 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relating to phone service for foster children.

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

1 Notwithstanding any General Law or special law to the contrary, any foster child under
2 the care of the commonwealth who is six years old or older shall be provided a smart phone to
3 provide additional oversight and protection to said foster child and is no way a substitute for
4 services and care currently rendered by the commonwealth. Said smart phone will be limited to
5 four pre-programmed phone numbers, one of which shall be 9-1-1- and another which shall be
6 said foster child's case worker. Said smart phone shall also have a very limited video application
7 which allows said child to have a face-to-face video discussion with said child's case worker.
8 There shall be no internet browsing capability to any smart phone provided pursuant to this act.