

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 624

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

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*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 independent child protection.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 624) of Steven S. Howitt relative to education costs of children with disabilities. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 493 OF 2019-2020.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act relative to independent child protection.

*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, if a child with a  
2   disability for whom a school committee currently provides or arranges for the provision of  
3   special education in an approved private day or residential school placement, including  
4   placement in a pediatric nursing home or his/her parent or guardian moves to a different school  
5   district, such school committee of the former community of residence shall pay the approved  
6   budgeted costs, including necessary transportation costs, safety expenses and inspections, of such  
7   day or residential placement, including placement in a pediatric nursing home, of such child for  
8   the balance of such fiscal year.