

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 658**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

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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 creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 658) of Elizabeth A. Malia that the Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care be directed to ensure reasonable assignment levels for day care centers and family day care homes. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 520 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of 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 7 of Chapter 15D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "facility" in line 9, the following sentences :-  
3 Subject to appropriation, the commissioner shall ensure that no licensor shall have assignment  
4 levels of day care centers or family day care homes in excess of the standards set forth by the  
5 National Association for the Education of Young Children. Reasonable assignment levels shall  
6 be established for residential and placement licensors and investigators in order to provide  
7 adequate protection and quality care for children in licensed facilities.