

HOUSE No. 130

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

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 the placement of children in foster care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/16/2023</i>

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 130) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to the placement of children in foster care. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 190 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to the placement of children in foster 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 1. Chapter 18B of General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after Section 26 the following new Section:-

3 SECTION 26. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, the
4 department shall require the language spoken by the child must be the same language spoken in
5 the foster family.