

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 154**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michelle M. DuBois***

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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 to end child homelessness.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 154) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to child homelessness. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to end child homelessness.

*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 or special law to the contrary, no family with children under  
2 the age of eighteen shall be evicted or removed from public housing, publicly subsidized  
3 housing, or a shelter funded in whole or in part with public funds, including a motel or hotel  
4 providing emergency shelter, unless and until the Housing Services Unit of the Department of  
5 Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community  
6 Development, has developed and is able to implement a plan to assure that all children under  
7 eighteen in the affected family will be housed in some location which is fit for human habitation.  
8 All reasonable efforts shall be made to provide that such children remain in the custody of their  
9 parents or other caregivers with whom they have been residing.