

HOUSE No. 156

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tricia Farley-Bouvier

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 empowering the office of the child advocate to enforce its statutory duties.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>

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By Representative Farley-Bouvier of Pittsfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 156) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier and others relative to the powers of the Child Advocate to appear, intervene in or bring actions on behalf the Commonwealth. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 210 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act empowering the office of the child advocate to enforce its statutory duties.

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

1 Chapter 18C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 2 the following section:-

3 Section 2A. In addition to the powers set forth in section 2, and notwithstanding section 3
4 of chapter 12 or any other law to the contrary, the child advocate, or the child advocate’s
5 designee, may represent, appear, intervene in or bring an action on behalf the commonwealth or
6 of any child in any proceeding before any state or federal court, tribunal, agency, board or
7 commission in which matters related to this chapter are in issue.