

HOUSE No. 1600

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans

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 clarifying insurance liability for foster care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>4/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1600) of Sally P. Kerans and others relative to insurance liability for foster care providers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act clarifying insurance liability for foster care providers.

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 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 33C the
2 following new section:-

3 **INSURANCE LIABILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS.**

4 Providers of foster care services for children and/or youth contracted by the state’s
5 Department of Children and Families shall not be held liable for injury to persons or damage to
6 property caused by negligence or other action(s) or inaction(s) of the state or its employees or
7 other third parties.