

HOUSE No. 4711

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 5, 2024.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 126) of Brian M. Ashe relative to the rights of deaf children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 129) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to prohibiting undocumented persons from fostering children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 131) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to providing that certain foster care children have the right to be emancipated from their biological parents; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 132) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to background checks for kinship foster care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 133) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to the Department of Children and Families providing official documentation of child counsel appointments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 136) of Daniel Cahill that the Office on Disability conduct a study of the accessibility to gas pumps and gas stations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 137) of Gerard J. Cassidy, Sally P. Kerans and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to provide insurance coverage for vision screening for children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 138) of Gerard J. Cassidy for legislation to further protect persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities from abuse; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 139) of Tackey Chan relative to funeral assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 140) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to support the transition to adult services for persons with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 142) of Josh S. Cutler and others relative to community living for older adults and people with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 143) of Michael S. Day for legislation to promote employment for people with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 154) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to child homelessness; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 163) of Michael J. Finn and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to establishing a pilot diversion program for individuals

with developmental and intellectual disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 167) of Paul K. Frost relative to providing low interest loans to families with children suffering from terminal illnesses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 168) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to establish a special task force (including members of the General Court) to review and report on the economic impact of welfare reform in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 170) of William C. Galvin and Carol A. Doherty relative to licensure for the use of graduated electronic decelerators to alter behavior of persons with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 171) of Sean Garballey, Simon Cataldo and others relative to Department of Developmental Services rates of payment for workers providing support and services for individuals with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 176) of Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Developmental Services consider neuropsychological evaluations of certain persons with intellectual disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 177) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the estimated rate of inflation for social service programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 180) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others for legislation to prohibit the use of procedures which cause physical pain or deny a reasonable humane existence to persons with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 181) of Patricia A. Haddad and others relative to access to early intervention services for children with prenatal exposure to opioids; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 182) of Natalie M. Higgins, Joan Meschino and Colleen M. Garry that the Department of Children and Families be authorized to develop a bias-free case review team to screen proposed emergency child removals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 183) of Steven S. Howitt and F. Jay Barrows relative to at-risk children and their proper placement and establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation of such placements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 196) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Vanna Howard and Colleen M. Garry relative to public accommodations for individuals with verbal communication impairments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 199) of Jack Patrick Lewis, Natalie M. Higgins and James K. Hawkins that certain retail department stores be prohibited from dividing the display of certain childcare items into sections by gender; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 200) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to eligibility for certain entitlement programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 202) of Joseph D. McKenna

and David K. Muradian, Jr., relative to expanding wheelchair protection for consumers with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 215) of Jon Santiago and others that the Department of Developmental Services establish caseload ratios for certain human service coordinators; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 217) of Paul A. Schmid, III relative to income calculation for certain benefits paid for necessary work-related travel expenses for certain persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 218) of Alan Silvia and others relative to autism education reform and to facilitate appropriate interactions with persons on the autism spectrum; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 219) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to increasing collaboration amongst community organizations fighting hunger; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 220) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida and others for legislation to establish a special commission to study and determine best practices to ensure the safety of blind persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 224) of Bud L. Williams for legislation to establish within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, a state-wide office of youth development; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 225) of Steven George Xiarhos relative to Department of Transitional Assistance benefits for diapers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3870) of Christine P. Barber and Samantha Montaña for legislation to establish a protection and advocacy system for investigating abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of persons with disabilities occurring and advocating for the civil and human rights of such persons; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Estela A. Reyes relative to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program countable income, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4711) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JAY D. LIVINGSTONE.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be
2 authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of
3 House documents numbered 126, 129, 131, 132, 133, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 142, 143, 154,
4 163, 167, 168, 170, 171, 176, 177, 180, 181, 182, 183, 196, 199, 200, 202, 215, 217, 218, 219,
5 220, 224, 225, 3870 and 3942, concerning children, accommodations, accessibility and other
6 related matters.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2024.