

HOUSE No. 502

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 independent child protection.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i> | <i>4th Bristol</i> | <i>1/11/2023</i> |
| <i>Alan Silvia</i> | <i>7th Bristol</i> | <i>2/10/2023</i> |

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 502) of Steven S. Howitt and Alan Silvia relative to education costs of children with disabilities. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 624 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to independent child protection.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if a child with a
2 disability for whom a school committee currently provides or arranges for the provision of
3 special education in an approved private day or residential school placement, including
4 placement in a pediatric nursing home or his/her parent or guardian moves to a different school
5 district, such school committee of the former community of residence shall pay the approved
6 budgeted costs, including necessary transportation costs, safety expenses and inspections, of such
7 day or residential placement, including placement in a pediatric nursing home, of such child for
8 the balance of such fiscal year.