

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn

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 grandparent visitation rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/9/2024</i>

HOUSE No.

By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to visitation rights for grandparents. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to grandparent visitation rights.

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

1 The second paragraph of section 39D of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 2 sentences:- The
3 petition shall include a verified complaint that the allegations therein are made on personal
4 knowledge, set forth facts that would be admissible in evidence, affirmatively show the affiant's
5 competence to testify on the matters therein, and are not conclusory. Upon the filing of the
6 petition, the court shall, at the sole expense of the petitioning grandparent and without input from
7 any party, appoint a guardian ad litem for the minor child pursuant to section 56A of chapter 215
8 and assign the issue of grandparent visitation for mediation.