SENATE DOCKET, NO. 501 FILED ON: 1/17/2023

SENATE . . . . . No. 75

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 to lift kids out of deep poverty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*1/23/2023*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*1/23/2023*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*1/24/2023*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*1/24/2023*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/24/2023*
Susannah M. Whipps	*2nd Franklin*	*1/25/2023*
Joanne M. Comerford	*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*	*1/25/2023*
John J. Cronin	*Worcester and Middlesex*	*1/27/2023*
Manny Cruz	*7th Essex*	*1/27/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*1/27/2023*
Lydia Edwards	*Third Suffolk*	*1/27/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*1/27/2023*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*	*1/27/2023*
Robyn K. Kennedy	*First Worcester*	*1/27/2023*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*1/30/2023*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*1/31/2023*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*2/1/2023*

Michael J. Barrett	*Third Middlesex*	*2/1/2023*
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*	*2/6/2023*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*First Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/7/2023*
Pavel Payano	*First Essex*	*2/8/2023*
Michael F. Rush	*Norfolk and Suffolk*	*2/10/2023*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*2/21/2023*
Jacob R. Oliveira	*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*	*2/21/2023*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*2/23/2023*
Liz Miranda	*Second Suffolk*	*2/23/2023*
Adam Gomez	*Hampden*	*2/23/2023*
Carlos González	*10th Hampden*	*3/1/2023*
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*3/2/2023*
Cindy F. Friedman	*Fourth Middlesex*	*3/3/2023*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*3/7/2023*
Brendan P. Crighton	*Third Essex*	*3/15/2023*
Paul W. Mark	*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire*	*4/10/2023*
Joan B. Lovely	*Second Essex*	*4/18/2023*
Julian Cyr	*Cape and Islands*	*5/1/2023*
Edward J. Kennedy	*First Middlesex*	*5/1/2023*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*6/28/2023*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*12/21/2023*

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 75) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Rebecca L. Rausch, Jack Patrick Lewis, Mark C. Montigny and other members of the General Court for legislation to lift kids out of deep poverty. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *96* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to lift kids out of deep poverty.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the fourth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:- "Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for monthly benefits for the program not including the rental allowance shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2023 by 25 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less than 50% of the poverty

level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services; provided further, that the need standard and the payment amounts shall be further increased by the amount of a clothing allowance in the month for which it is paid and by the rental allowance for households incurring a rent or mortgage expense and not residing in public or subsidized housing."

SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 117A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new paragraph:- "Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the payment standards for monthly benefits for the program shall be increased effective July first of each year beginning with July 1, 2023 by 25 percent above the payment standard in effect in the previous fiscal year until the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size; provided further, that once the payment standard for the household size equals 50 percent of the federal poverty level for the household size, the payment standard shall be increased effective July first of each year in order that the payment standard shall be no less than 50% of the poverty level for the household size as determined by the federal Department of Health and Human Services".