

HOUSE No. 250

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 foster care recruitment.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/14/2025</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2025</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>3/10/2025</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>1/28/2025</i> |
| <i>David F. DeCoste</i> | <i>5th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/28/2025</i> |
| <i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i> | <i>9th Worcester</i> | <i>1/29/2025</i> |
| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> | <i>2/3/2025</i> |

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 250) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to foster care recruitment. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 186 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to foster care recruitment.

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, annually, not
2 later than October 31, the department of children and families shall submit a special report on its
3 foster care campaign to recruit new foster parents to the child advocate, the clerks of the senate
4 and house of representatives, the house and senate committees on ways and means and the joint
5 committee on children, families, and persons with disabilities. The report shall be made available
6 to the public electronically in accordance with section 19 of chapter 66. The report shall include,
7 but not be limited to, the: (i) number of new foster care parents as a result of the foster care
8 campaign; (ii) the costs associated with such a recruitment effort; (iii) difficulties impeding the
9 department's ability to recruit additional foster parents; and (ii) methods in which the department

10 is recruiting foster care parents. The department may satisfy the reporting requirements of this
11 section by providing the requested information in an annual report filed.

12 SECTION 2. Section 1 is hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 3. Section 2 shall take effect on December 31, 2026.