

HOUSE No.

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:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 502 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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.