

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, 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 fast-tracking adoptions for children in DCF custody.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act fast-tracking adoptions for children in DCF custody.

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. Section 25 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following words:-
3 Children in the custody of some suitable person or licensed agency providing foster care for
4 children or the department for not less than eighteen months shall have the right to be
5 emancipated from their biological parents if said parents have not fulfilled court ordered
6 obligations.