

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating assignment levels in the Department of Early Education and Care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 122 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT CREATING ASSIGNMENT LEVELS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY EDUCATION
AND CARE.**

*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 10 of Chapter 28A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence:-

3 The commissioner shall ensure that no licensor shall have assignment levels of day care centers
4 or family day care homes in excess of the standards set forth by the National Association for the
5 Education of Young Children and shall request the same in the Office's budget request to the General
6 Court. Reasonable assignment levels shall be established for residential and placement licensors and
7 investigators in order to provide adequate protection and quality care for children in licensed facilities.
8 The commissioner's annual budget request to the General Court shall include sufficient funding to meet
9 said assignment levels.