

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**James J. O'Day**

*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 to establish caseloads at the Department of Children and Families.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:       |
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| James J. O'Day       | 14th Worcester District |
| Barbara A. L'Italien | 18th Essex              |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 94 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH CASELOADS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

*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 7(a) of Chapter 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 removing the words "establish reasonable caseload rates and report the same to the General Court in  
3 the budget estimates of the Department" and inserting in its place the following:  
4 "ensure that no social worker will carry a caseload in excess of the standards set forth by the Child  
5 Welfare League of America and shall request the same in the Department's budget request to the  
6 General Court."
- 7 SECTION 2. Section 12(5) of Chapter 18B is amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, "Said  
8 budget shall be consistent with caseload standards established by the Child Welfare League of  
9 America."