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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martha M. Walz

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:

An Act relative to the academic success of foster children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Susan C. Fargo	☐ *[District]* ☐
Jennifer L. Flanagan	☐ *[District]* ☐
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Paul J. Donato	*35th Middlesex*
Michael O. Moore	☐ *[District]* ☐
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	☐ *[District]*

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Sonia Chang-Diaz	□ *[District]* □
Kenneth J. Donnelly	□ *[District]* □
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Gloria L. Fox	*7th Suffolk*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Karen E. Spilka	□ *[District]* □
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Alice K. Wolf	*25th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Walz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1094) of Martha M. Walz and others relative to the academic success of foster children. Education.

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An Act relative to the academic success of foster children.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to waive fees for children in foster care for participating in after-school programs, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 47 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the seventh sentence of the first paragraph in line 40 the following:-

Each school district shall, in collaboration with the area director of the department of children and families, develop a plan for the removal of fees associated with public school-sponsored after-school activities that serve as a barrier to participation in said activities by a child who is in the care and custody of the department of children and families. No child in the care and custody of the department may be prevented from participating in a public school-sponsored after-school activity for failure to pay an associated fee.