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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1861

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:

An Act to establish caseloads at the Department of Children and Families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*

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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1861

By Mr. O'Day of West Boylston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1861) of James J. O'Day relative to establishing caseload rates at the Department of Social Services. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *163* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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:

SECTION 1. Section 7(a) of Chapter 18B of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by removing the words "establish reasonable caseload rates and report the same to the General Court in the budget estimates of the Department" and inserting in its place the following:

"ensure that no social worker will carry a caseload in excess of the standards set forth by the Child Welfare League of America and shall request the same in the Department's budget request to the General Court."

SECTION 2. Section 12(5) of Chapter 18B is amended by inserting at the end of the first sentence, "Said budget shall be consistent with caseload standards established by the Child Welfare League of America."