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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 bring child support home.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	*[District]*
James B. Eldridge	*[District]*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Gale D. Candaras	*[District]*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*[District]*
Karen E. Spilka	*[District]*

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By Ms. Creem, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 34) of Walz, Spilka, Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to bring child support home [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *36* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to bring child support home.

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 2 of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following:- Child support collections shall be paid to a recipient of benefits under this chapter to the extent that the federal government will waive or not have a claim to a federal share of such collections pursuant to 42 U.S.C. section 657. Any amounts paid to the family under this provision shall be disregarded in determining the amount of assistance provided to the family.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 119A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of subsection (b) the following:- Pursuant to Title IV, Part D of the Social Security Act, in the case of former recipients of assistance, the IV-D agency shall pay to the family all support payments collected, including payments on arrears assigned to the state and payments collected through federal tax refund offset.

SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on July 1, 2013.