

SENATE No. 603

By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 603) of Jack H. Backman and John A. Businger for legislation to provide cost of living adjustments for care and maintenance of children in family foster care. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF CHILDREN IN FAMILY FOSTER 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. Chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 28.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of law
4 the financial responsibility of the department for providing
5 care and maintenance of children in family foster care shall
6 include a provision for an annual cost of living increase. Ef-
7 fective July first of this year, the level of payment for care
8 and maintenance of children in family foster care as defined
9 in section nine of chapter twenty-eight A shall be increased
10 by ten percent and, thereafter, effective July first of every
11 year, said level of payment shall be increased by a percentage
12 amount equal to the percentage rise in the United States
13 Consumer Price Index for January first of that year over the
14 level of said index for January first of the previous year.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 18A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section: —

3 *Section 10.* Notwithstanding any other provision of law the
4 financial responsibility of the department for providing care
5 and maintenance of children in family foster care shall in-
6 clude a provision for an annual cost of living increase. Ef-
7 fective July first of this year, the level of payment for care
8 and maintenance of children in family foster care as defined

9 in section nine of chapter twenty-eight A shall be increased
10 by ten percent, and, thereafter, effective July first of every
11 year, said level of payments shall be increased by a percent-
12 age amount equal to the percentage rise in the United States
13 Consumer Price Index for January first of that year over the
14 level of said index for January first of the previous year.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following new section: —

3 *Section 31.* Notwithstanding any other provisions of law
4 the financial responsibility of the department for providing
5 care and maintenance of children in family foster care shall
6 include a provision for an annual cost of living increase. Ef-
7 fective July first of this year, the level of payment for care
8 and maintenance of children in family foster care as defined
9 in section nine of chapter twenty-eight A shall be increased
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14 level of said index for January first of the previous year.