

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2102

By Ms. Graham of Cambridge, petition of Sandra Graham for legislation to establish standards of quality for the purchase of child day care. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS OF QUALITY FOR THE PURCHASE OF CHILD DAY 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 Chapter 28A, Section 6, of the General Laws is amended to add  
2 the following: —

3 *Child Care quality.* The Office shall establish standards of qual-  
4 ity for the purchase of child day care from private or public  
5 operators of such services. The Office shall establish a task force  
6 for the purpose of recommending standards for centers, group  
7 homes, and family day care. The task force shall include family day  
8 care providers, operators of for-profit and not-for-profit centers,  
9 classroom staff, child care experts, and a substantial number of  
10 parents of children in child care programs. Not later than one year  
11 after appointment of the task force, standards shall be reviewed at  
12 a public hearing conducted by the Human Services and Elderly  
13 Affairs Committee of the Legislature. The Office shall promulgate  
14 standards for purchase within forty-five days of such hearing,  
15 subject to approval by the Legislature.

