

By Mr. Teague of Yarmouth petition of Edward B. Teague III and other members of the House for legislation to make certain changes in the welfare program of the Commonwealth. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REFORMING PUBLIC WELFARE.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, The
2 Department of Public Welfare is hereby directed to seek all federal
3 waivers necessary to revise the schedule of assistance such that an
4 increment in assistance shall not be provided to a family in which a
5 recipient parents an additional child during said family's period of
6 eligibility for said program, or during a temporary penalty period of
7 ineligibility for assistance pursuant to a penalty imposed by the
8 commissioner for failure to comply with the requirements of said
9 program provided, however, that a child born within nine months of
10 the time when the parent began receiving assistance shall not be
11 deemed to be "an additional child during said family's period of
12 eligibility." A caretaker or guardian who is not eligible for assis-
13 tance from said program but is caring for dependent children shall
14 not be so affected by the revised schedule of benefits herein if said
15 caretaker or guardian parents a child that makes said caretaker or
16 guardian initially eligible for assistance; provided, however, that the
17 increment in assistance shall not be provided for the parenting of
18 subsequent children pursuant to this section.

