

By Mrs. Simmons of Leominster, petition of Mary Jane Simmons, Brian Knuuttila, Bruce E. Tarr, David P. Magnani and another that the Department of Education be directed to establish an after school child care transportation program. Education, Arts and Humanities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.

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

1 There shall be established within the department of education  
2 the after school child care transportation program. The purpose of  
3 this program shall be to establish local public and private collab-  
4 orative systems to transport children to child care programs for  
5 children between the ages of five and twelve which are licensed  
6 by the commonwealth.

7 The department shall establish guidelines for the award of  
8 grants to such programs which demonstrate the maximum collab-  
9 oration between private schools, public school systems and other  
10 private and public agencies. Said guidelines shall include manda-  
11 tory requirements that such funds shall be used for the children of  
12 parents who are employed or who show evidence that they will  
13 be employed upon the provision of after school care for their  
14 children.

15 As a condition of said grant, said programs shall submit to the  
16 department monthly enrollment figures which verify the number  
17 of children of working parents benefiting from such programs.  
18 Such grants shall not be used to supplement local school busing  
19 contracts.

20 Preference in the awarding of grants shall be given to pro-  
21 grams that utilize currently existing transportation services.

