

HOUSE No. 154

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle M. DuBois

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to end child homelessness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative DuBois of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 154) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to child homelessness. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to end child homelessness.

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, no family with children under
2 the age of eighteen shall be evicted or removed from public housing, publicly subsidized
3 housing, or a shelter funded in whole or in part with public funds, including a motel or hotel
4 providing emergency shelter, unless and until the Housing Services Unit of the Department of
5 Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community
6 Development, has developed and is able to implement a plan to assure that all children under
7 eighteen in the affected family will be housed in some location which is fit for human habitation.
8 All reasonable efforts shall be made to provide that such children remain in the custody of their
9 parents or other caregivers with whom they have been residing.