

SENATE No. 29

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gale D. Candaras

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to let child support come home

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Gale D. Candaras

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Hampden and Hampshire

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00067 OF .]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO LET CHILD SUPPORT COME HOME.

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. Section 21 of chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, a recipient shall not
4 be required to include a child in the assistance unit or to assign that child's support to the
5 department. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the
6 department shall not count any child support collections paid on behalf of a child who is not
7 receiving benefits paid by the department in determining the eligibility for benefits of other
8 family members.