

SENATE No. 72

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tarr, Bruce (SEN)

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 promote self-sufficiency

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tarr, Bruce (SEN)	First Essex and Middlesex
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Michael R. Knapik	Second Hampden and Hampshire
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00116 OF.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

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 110 (d) of Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1995 is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the end of the first paragraph the following paragraph: -

3 “Notwithstanding any law or provision to the contrary, families ineligible for cash assistance
4 may be considered recipients for purposes of eligibility for employment support program funded
5 services, including child care, provided that such services are made available for the purpose of
6 enabling recipients to begin and/or maintain employment, and that a sliding scale is used to
7 administer those benefits in a manner consistent with facilitating economic independence.”

8 SECTION 2. The Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Administration and
9 Finance, and the Commissioner of the Department of Transitional Assistance are hereby
10 authorized and directed to develop a methodology for the implementation of Section 1 above, by
11 which employment support program funded services are provided to recipients for the purposes

12 of encouraging them to begin or maintain employment without suffering a disadvantage as
13 compared to remaining unemployed in order to receive any and all available benefits.

14 SECTION 3. The provisions of Section 1 shall become effective one year following the passage
15 of this Act. The methodology required by Section 2 shall be developed not later than six months
16 following the passage of this Act.