

**SENATE . . . . . No. 292**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Barbara A. L'Italien***

*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 authorizing school districts to donate excess food to local voluntary assistance programs.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                     |                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>    | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>     |                 |
| <i>Richard J. Ross</i>         | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | <i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>   | <i>2/2/2017</i> |
| <i>Christopher M. Markey</i>   | <i>9th Bristol</i>                    | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>         | <i>12th Bristol</i>                   | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>       | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>          | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i>          | <i>23rd Middlesex</i>                 | <i>2/3/2017</i> |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>  | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>                   | <i>2/3/2017</i> |

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By Ms. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 292) of Barbara A. L'Italien, Richard J. Ross, William N. Brownsberger, Christopher M. Markey and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize school districts to donate excess food to local voluntary assistance programs. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act authorizing school districts to donate excess food to local voluntary assistance programs.

*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. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 1C the following section:-

3           The board shall develop guidelines for the voluntary implementation by school districts  
4 of programs that encourage and facilitate the ability of school districts to donate excess,  
5 unconsumed, and edible food and beverages from meals served at such educational facilities to  
6 local food assistance programs including, but not limited to, community food pantries, soup  
7 kitchens, and other community and not-for-profit organizations that distribute food to the poor  
8 and disadvantaged. Such guidelines may include but are not limited to a methodology to provide  
9 information to educational institutions and local voluntary food assistance programs of the  
10 provisions of such guidelines, notification to educational institutions of their ability to elect to  
11 donate excess, unconsumed, and edible food and beverages to local voluntary food programs,

- 12 and the provision of information and technical assistance on the manner of how to best donate
- 13 excess food in a safe and sanitary manner.