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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Demetrius J. Atsalis**

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*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 relative to physical examinations of children prior to procedures by the Juvenile Court to place such children in custody of the Department of Social Services.

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to physical examinations of children prior to procedures by the Juvenile Court to place such children in custody of the Department of Social Services.

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

SECTION 1.  Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official

Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 24 the following section:—

            Section 24A. Within 48 hours of an allegation made under the provisions of

section 24 and prior to any removal of the child from the home, the child shall be

examined by a pediatrician or at a hospital emergency room and the results of such

examination shall be submitted to the court. No employee of the department shall view

any such child in a state of nudity.