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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth Poirier**

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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 providing for enhanced protection of children an investigation of abuse and neglect allegations.

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PETITION OF:

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| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act providing for enhanced protection of children an investigation of abuse and neglect allegations.

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

The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter

119, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended

by adding at the end of the section the following new paragraph:—

Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from

keeping information on unsubstantiated reports for no more than

60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children

and families.

Section 7. Section fifty-one of Chapter 119 of the General

Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby

amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new

paragraph:—

Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from

keeping information on unsubstantiated reports for no more than

60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children

and families.