

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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 establishing a toll free hotline for the use of foster children reporting cases of abuse or mistreatment.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Demetrius J. Atsalis	Second Barnstable
Tarr, Bruce (SEN)	First Essex and Middlesex
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 72 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TOLL FREE HOTLINE FOR THE USE OF FOSTER CHILDREN  
REPORTING CASES OF ABUSE OR MISTREATMENT.

*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 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
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3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 11L the following  
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5 section:—  
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7           Section 11M. The department of the attorney general, in cooperation with the  
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9 department of state police, shall establish and maintain a toll-free hotline, so-called, to  
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11 receive calls from children being provided foster care by the department of social  
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13 services in any type of setting. The state police shall forthwith investigate any charges of  
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15 abuse or mistreatment. All information received shall be considered confidential but may  
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17 be shared with appropriate public officers and agencies.