

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
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3 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 24 the following section:—
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5 Section 24A. Within 48 hours of an allegation made under the provisions of
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7 section 24 and prior to any removal of the child from the home, the child shall be
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9 examined by a pediatrician or at a hospital emergency room and the results of such
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11 examination shall be submitted to the court. No employee of the department shall view
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13 any such child in a state of nudity.