

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 videotaping testimony of children in custody of the Department of Social Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Demetrius J. Atsalis	Second Barnstable

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

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO VIDEOTAPING TESTIMONY OF 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. Section 24 of chapter 119 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2004

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3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

4 Any interviews of the child conducted while he is in the custody of the
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6 department shall be videotaped and made available to all parties and the court at the
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8 hearing conducted under the provisions of section 25.