

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Elizabeth Poirier**

*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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Elizabeth Poirier

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 128 OF 2007-2008.]

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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:*

1 The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter  
2 119, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
3 by adding at the end of the section the following new paragraph:—  
4 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from  
5 keeping information on unsubstantiated reports for no more than  
6 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children  
7 and families.  
8 Section 7. Section fifty-one of Chapter 119 of the General  
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