

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Menard, Joan (SEN)

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 CORI information for chapter 766 approved private schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Menard, Joan (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Bristol and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00945 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CORI INFORMATION FOR CHAPTER 766 APPROVED PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

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 167 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 modifying the definition of "Criminal Offender Record Information" by replacing the first
3 sentence with the following sentence:

4 "Criminal Offender Record Information", records and data in any communicable form compiled
5 by any criminal justice agency or agency which investigates the abuse or neglect of children or
6 individuals with disabilities in this and in other states and within the United States Government
7 which concern an identifiable individual and relate to the nature or disposition of a criminal
8 charge, an arrest, a pre-trial proceeding, other judicial proceedings, sentencing, incarceration,
9 rehabilitation, release, or the nature and disposition of reports of abuse or neglect of children or
10 individuals with disabilities.

11 SECTION 2. Section 168 of Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by replacing the
12 second sentence of paragraph four with the following sentence:

13 Said systems shall be designed to insure the prompt collection, exchange, dissemination and
14 distribution of such criminal offender records information as may be necessary for the efficient
15 administration and operation of criminal justice agencies, and to connect such systems directly
16 and indirectly with similar systems in this and other states and any system within the United
17 States government.

18 SECTION 3. Section 1 of Chapter 28A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
19 following new language at the end of Section 1:

20 (7) to assure that every provider of child care services has electronic access to criminal history
21 information for current or prospective employees, volunteers and consultants that is compiled by
22 the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board and all similar agencies in other states and
23 agencies under the jurisdiction of the United States government within twenty-four hours of the
24 receipt of a request.