

# SENATE . . . . No. 21

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To accompany the petition of Charles V. Hogan for legislation to prohibit the use of statements or confessions made by juveniles as evidence in criminal cases, or against a juvenile in any criminal proceeding. Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

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AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF STATEMENTS OR CONFESSIONS MADE BY JUVENILES AS EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES, OR AGAINST A JUVENILE IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 263 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by adding after section 6 the following section:—  
3 *Section 6A.* No statement or confession of a child  
4 between the ages of seven and seventeen years shall  
5 be used as evidence in any criminal proceeding or  
6 against the maker of such statement or confession.

