

HOUSE No. 2289

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and another that the Department of Public Welfare be authorized to provide all foster parents with certain information about a child prior to placement in a foster home and providing other supportive services. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO FOSTER PARENTS.

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 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 32 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 32A.* The department shall provide all foster parents
- 4 with certain information about a child prior to placement in the
- 5 foster home. This information shall include but not be limited to
- 6 a report of all physical, mental, or emotional problems or
- 7 disabilities of the child and any special care or treatment needed.
- 8 The department shall provide supportive services for foster
- 9 parents, either under its own direction or under the direction of a
- 10 private agency with whom the department has contracted. These
- 11 services shall include but not be limited to training programs
- 12 geared to the skills necessary for identifying and meeting the
- 13 needs of their foster children; ongoing discussion meetings after
- 14 placement; encouragement of and cooperation with foster parent
- 15 associations.

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
MAY 19, 1932

THE LAND OFFICE HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY 19, 1932.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE IS HEREBY REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON LANDS AND MINES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT.