

By Mr. Harrington of Newton, petition of Peter F. Harrington for legislation to require a notice to both parents in certain child custody proceedings. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO BOTH PARENTS IN CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDINGS.

*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 19 of chapter 208 of the General Laws,  
2 as most recently amended by section 23 of chapter 400 of the acts  
3 of 1975 is hereby further amended by adding the following  
4 sentence: — No such order shall be made unless both parents, or  
5 legal guardians, have been notified of the time, date and place of a  
6 hearing to determine custody.

1 SECTION 2. Section 31 of said chapter 208, as most recently  
2 amended by section 31 of said chapter 400, is hereby further  
3 amended by the following sentence: — No order or decree relative  
4 to the custody and care of children shall be entered unless both  
5 parents, or legal guardians, have been notified of the time, date  
6 and place of a hearing to determine custody.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
IN SENATE, January 12, 1917.

**REPORT**

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE  
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