

HOUSE No. 2042

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray relative to children in need of services by decriminalization of juvenile prostitution. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES BY
DECriminalIZATION OF JUVENILE PROSTITUTION.

*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 21, paragraph 3, of Chapter 119 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended to
3 read: "Child in need of services," a child below the age of
4 seventeen who persistently runs away from the home of his
5 parents or legal guardian, or persistently refuses to obey the
6 lawful and reasonable commands of his parents or legal guardian,
7 thereby resulting in said parent's or guardian's inability to
8 adequately care for and protect said child, or who offers his or her
9 body to indiscriminate intercourse for hire, as defined by Section
10 53 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, or a child between the
11 ages of six and sixteen who persistently and willfully fails to
12 attend school or persistently violates the lawful and reasonable
13 regulations of his school

