

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 708) of Carol C. Amick for legislation relative to the role of foster families. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE ROLE OF FOSTER FAMILIES ALSO KNOWN AS FAMILY RESOURCES.

*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 3 of chapter 18B of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by adding to paragraph B Clause (1) the fol-  
3 lowing: —

4 provided that copies of said policies, procedures, and rules  
5 shall be given to persons and agencies which assist the depart-  
6 ment in providing services, including foster care givers.

1 SECTION 2. Section 13 of chapter 18B is hereby amended  
2 by inserting after the fourth sentence in the first paragraph  
3 a new sentence as follows: —

4 Representation on each area board shall include at all  
5 times at least one member of a foster family, also known as  
6 family resources, who resides in said area, and who provides  
7 foster care in said area or in another area of the common-  
8 wealth.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of Chapter 28A of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by inserting in the definition "services to  
3 children" after the phrase "day care services;" the following  
4 phrase: —

5 "and foster care services, also known as family resources;"

1 SECTION 4. Section 99 of chapter 28A as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 858 of the acts of 1975 is hereby further  
3 amended by striking the definition "family foster care" and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following: —

5 "Family foster care or family resources," substitute paren-

6 tal care delivered under the statement of policy and purposes  
7 of section one of this chapter in a family given in a private  
8 residence for up to six children under sixteen years of age on  
9 a regular, twenty-four-hour-a-day, residential basis by anyone  
10 other than a relative by blood or marriage; provided, how-  
11 ever, that such care may be provided for more than six chil-  
12 dren in order to place siblings in the same residence.