

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4104

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By Mr. Vellucci of Cambridge, petition of Peter A. Vellucci, Salvatore R. Albano, Patricia G. Fiero and Joseph K. Mackey for legislation to facilitate the reporting of child abuse cases. The Judiciary.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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### AN ACT TO FACILITATE CHILD ABUSE REPORTING.

*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, Section 51A, of the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby
- 2 amended by adding the following section: —
- 3 Section 51AA. In order to encourage more people to report
- 4 suspected child abuse, the department of social services child-at-
- 5 risk 24-hour hotline phone number shall be posted in clearly
- 6 visible places in all public and private schools and hospitals, other
- 7 public buildings, and doctor's offices. Along with the hotline
- 8 number, the definition of abuse, lines, 3-8 of Chapter 209A
- 9 Section 1, shall also be posted. The names of persons making such
- 10 reports including those who are required to do so by law, shall
- 11 remain confidential.

