

# SENATE . . . . . No. 843

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 843) of Linda J. Melconian, Brian P. Lees, Steven Angelo, Robert A. Durand, Martin J. Dunn, Walter A. DeFilippi and Paul D. Harold for legislation relative to enforcement of family support and child access orders. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

### AN ACT FAMILY SUPPORT AND ACCESS ENFORCEMENT ACT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 A civil court may impose a sentence in community service
- 2 and/or participation in counseling and/or attendance to
- 3 educational training if a parent/custodian is in contempt of court
- 4 by defaulting financial support payments or by denying access for
- 5 the child to both parents.
- 6 In its discretion the court may mandate "make-up-time" for the
- 7 parenting time missed by the child/children, attorneys fees and/or
- 8 posting of surety to encourage the party in contempt not to repeat
- 9 the offense.
- 10 Nothing herein shall prevent the court from exercising other
- 11 penalties for contempt for first or subsequent offenders or both.

