

HOUSE No. 886.

Bill accompanying the petition of J. J. Good for legislation relative to neglected children. Joint Judiciary. February 3.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

AN ACT

Relative to the Parents and Guardians of Neglected Children.

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. The parents or guardian of any minor
2 child taken from the custody of such parents by reason
3 of their inability or unfitness to care for the same, shall
4 be notified and kept informed of the exact whereabouts
5 of same, and shall be permitted to see the same at least
6 once every three months.

1 SECTION 2. The court committing such children to
2 the care of others than their parents, shall on petition of
3 any such parent brought in said court, not less than six
4 months after said commitment, be permitted to show

5 that he (or she) has reformed or is now able to properly
6 care for said charge or charges, and upon such proof
7 said court shall have authority to immediately order the
8 return of such minors to the custody of parents or
9 guardian, or any one of them, and it shall be the duty of
10 the court to do so.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.