

SENATE No. 697

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 697) of Linda J. Melconian, John P. Burke, Martin T. Reilly, Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., Joan M. Menard and Paul E. Caron for legislation relative to the investigation of child abuse. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE.

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 51B of Chapter 119 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition of the General Laws, is
3 hereby amended by inserting in line 6, after the word "reports.", the
4 following sentence: —

5 All initial and subsequent interviews of said investigation shall be
6 videotaped by the department or any other authorized agency or
7 individual.

1 SECTION 2. Section 51E of said Chapter 119 of said General
2 Laws, is hereby amended by adding in line 2, after the word,
3 "reports", the following words: — "and videotaped interviews."
4 and again in line 3 after the word, "reports", the following
5 words: — "and videotaped interviews."

