

HOUSE No. 2768

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to provide for adequate protective day care services for children. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTIVE DAY CARE SERVICES FOR 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. Section 2 of chapter 18B of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws shall be amended by inserting after "protective
3 services for children, unmarried mothers, the aging and other
4 adults" the following: — including, but not limited to: children
5 whose needs require integration with non-protective service day
6 care; and those whose needs require said integration with the
7 addition of different levels of specialized support services for
8 children and their families; and those whose needs require
9 specialized therapeutic day care services.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph (B)(1) of section 3 of chapter 18B of
2 the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by inserting
3 after the words "federal laws in the area of social services" the
4 following: — and, in the case of day care services, shall, with the
5 cooperation and participation of service providers, provide each
6 child with a written plan based on the degree of services needed
7 by the child and family.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of chapter 18B of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 795 of the
3 acts of 1979, shall be amended by inserting after the words "The
4 department shall develop regulations defining standards of need
5 and priorities for the allocation of social services;" the
6 following: — in the case of day care services, the cost of

7 instruction and support to the child and family, including but not
8 limited to special personnel, special programs, transportation,
9 consultant services, and diagnostic, liaison, and direct supportive
10 services rendered by the service provider, shall be reimbursed by
11 the Commonwealth. Reimbursement for said services shall be
12 delivered by the Commonwealth to the individual and/or agent
13 providing each specific service.