

By Mr. Lynch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 836) of Stephen F. Lynch, Charles E. Shannon, Richard T. Moore, Stephen M. Brewer and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow criminal offender record information to be available to certain organizations. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ALLOWING CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION TO BE AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.

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 172 of chapter 6 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting the following new section at the end
3 thereof: —

4 Section 172E. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or
5 special law to the contrary, all information pertaining to an indi-
6 vidual which is found in the Criminal Offender Record
7 Information System as established by Chapter 6, §167 of the
8 General Laws shall be available to religious, charitable, scientific,
9 educational, athletic, or youth service institutions or organizations
10 upon written request, for the purpose of evaluating any individual
11 who in the course of his duty interacts or works with children
12 under the age of eighteen, as a volunteer or paid employee.

1 SECTION 2. Said religious, scientific, educational, athletic, or
2 youth institution or organization shall not make, and shall pro-
3 hibit, the dissemination of said information for any purpose other
4 than those set forth herein.

