

HOUSE No. 5519

By Mrs. Metayer of Braintree, petition of Elizabeth N. Metayer for legislation relative to the publication of certain juvenile delinquent court records. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLICATION OF CERTAIN JUVENILE DELINQUENT COURT RECORDS.

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

1 Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
2 section 59 of chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, is hereby amended by
3 striking out section 60A, and inserting in place thereof the follow-
4 ing section:—

5 *Section 60A.* The records of the court or the superior court on
6 appeal in all cases of waywardness or delinquency arising under
7 sections fifty-two to fifty-nine, inclusive, shall be withheld from
8 public inspection except with the consent of a justice of such court,
9 but such records in any such case against any particular child shall
10 be open, at all reasonable times, to the inspection of the child, his
11 parent or parents, guardian and attorney, or any of them; pro-
12 vided, however, that, if a complaint is made that a child has
13 committed an offense which, if he were an adult, would be punish-
14 able by imprisonment in the state prison, the name and other
15 identifying information of said child and the nature of all offenses
16 charged against him shall be open and available to the public.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE
IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE,
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