

By Mr. Lambert of Fall River, petition of Edward M. Lambert, Jr., that the University of Massachusetts be directed to make an investigation and study of former foster children. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF FORMER FOSTER 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 The University of Massachusetts is hereby authorized and  
2 directed to conduct a study of former foster children in order to  
3 provide an understanding of the impact of the foster care system  
4 upon the lives of said children. Said study shall include but not  
5 be limited to data on the number of foster homes in which a child  
6 is placed, the experiences of said child in such foster homes, the  
7 impact of such system upon the child's employment and family  
8 life and all other information which it deems relevant to a better  
9 understanding of the system. The department of social services  
10 shall cooperate with the University of Massachusetts to develop  
11 a method by which said university is able to communicate with  
12 a sufficient number of former foster children to provide an  
13 accurate report. The University of Massachusetts shall report to  
14 the general court the results of its study and its recommendations,  
15 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its  
16 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of  
17 the house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday in  
18 December, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

