

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Thomas M. Menino and others relative to reporting child abuse. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Thomas M. Menino  
Martin J. Walsh

Elizabeth A. Malia  
Michael F. Rush

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REPORTING 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, as  
2 appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding  
3 the following subsection:—

4 (11) notify by telephone and by writing the local law enforcement  
5 authorities in the town in which the child resides and the town in  
6 which the offense occurred of the existence of a report required  
7 under section 51A. This notification shall take place immediately  
8 upon receipt of said report. The department shall transmit to such  
9 local law enforcement authority a copy of the report required under  
10 section 51A and forward to such local law enforcement authority a  
11 copy of the report provided to the district attorney pursuant to clause  
12 (e) of subsection (4) of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 51B is hereby further amended by  
2 deleting the last sentence of subsection (4).

