

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to clarify the procedure in the care and protection proceedings concerning certain juveniles. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURE IN CARE AND PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS.

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 24 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by section 50 of chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence: The Boston juvenile court, the
5 Worcester juvenile court, the Bristol county juvenile court, and the
6 Springfield juvenile court or the juvenile sessions of any district
7 court of the commonwealth, except the municipal and district
8 courts located within the territorial limits of said juvenile courts,
9 upon the petition of any person alleging on behalf of a child under
10 the age of eighteen years within the jurisdiction of said court that
11 said child is without: (a) necessary and proper physical or educa-
12 tional care and discipline or; (b) is growing up under conditions or
13 circumstances damaging to the child's sound character develop-
14 ment or; (c) who lacks proper attention of parent, guardian with
15 care and custody, or custodian or; (d) whose parents, guardian or
16 custodian are unwilling, incompetent or unavailable to provide
17 any such care, discipline or attention, may issue a precept.

