

HOUSE No. 119

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 119) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to information to be provided to foster children by the Department of Social Service, Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to information to be provided to foster children by the Department of Social Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Barnstable

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO FOSTER CHILDREN BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.**

*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 51B of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 Any employee of the department shall be liable for criminal prosecution for child endangerment by the act of
4 screening out any report for abuse or neglect received under section 51A brought against a foster home or residential
5 placement where the department has placed a child without referral to law enforcement.

6 Such employee may also face administrative sanctions in the form of suspension, termination or revocation of
7 license.