

By Mr. Knapik, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 978) of Michael R. Knapik, Scott P. Brown, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Stephen M. Brewer for legislation to allow schools access to prospective students' criminal offender record information. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOLS ACCESS TO PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS' CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION.

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 6 of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting therein the following new section:—
3 Section 172E. Notwithstanding any provision of section one
4 hundred seventy-two of this chapter or of any other provision of
5 law, the following information shall be available to school dis-
6 tricts within the commonwealth, for the purpose of evaluating
7 prospective students' appropriateness for enrollment, in order to
8 further the protection and foster the learning environment of all
9 students: conviction date, arrest data, sealed record data, and juve-
10 nile arrest or conviction data. Any student deemed inappropriate
11 for enrollment after review by the superintendent and school com-
12 mittee in executive session shall be excluded from regular classes,
13 and shall be provided an alternative educational opportunity.
14 School districts obtaining such information shall not make, and
15 shall prohibit any dissemination of such information, for any pur-
16 pose other than as set forth herein.

