

SENATE No. 695

By Ms. Murray, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 695) of Therese Murray, Kevin W. Fitzgerald, Dianne Wilkerson, Susan C. Fargo and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure medical consultation services for children being served by the Department of Social Services. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and One.

**AN ACT TO ENSURE MEDICAL CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
BEING SERVED 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 23 of Chapter 119 is hereby amended by adding, at the
2 end of subsection "H", the following new section: —
3 I. Children being served by the Department of Social Services
4 and their biological, foster or adoptive families shall have access
5 to the services of registered nurses within said Department. The
6 services provided by the registered nurses for those children, shall
7 include, but not be limited to, specialized training for families and
8 Department Staff, consultation on complex medical cases, coordi-
9 nation of medical passports, so-called, for children in the
10 Department of Social Services' custody, and hospital and commu-
11 nity agency visits for medical case conferences.
12 Each region of the commonwealth shall be adequately served
13 by the registered nurses' services.

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