

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray relative to court judgments for the care, custody and maintenance of minor children. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

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AN ACT AMENDING THE GROUNDS FOR MODIFICATION OF JUDGMENTS AS TO THE CARE, CUSTODY, AND MAINTENANCE OF MINOR CHILDREN AND EXTENDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE COURT TO MAKE ORDERS OF MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND EDUCATION FOR DEPENDENT ADULT CHILDREN.

*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. Chapter 208, Section 28 of the Massachusetts  
2 General Laws as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition is hereby  
3 amended by inserting after the words "substantial change in the  
4 circumstances of the parties", as appearing in line 11, the words  
5 "or the children."

1 SECTION 2. Section 28 of Chapter 208 is further amended by  
2 striking the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following: —  
4 "The Court may make appropriate orders of maintenance,  
5 support, and education of any child who has attained age eighteen  
6 (18) and who is domiciled in the home of a parent and is principally  
7 dependent upon said parent for maintenance by reason of physical  
8 or mental incapacity or by reason of full-time student status. If  
9 the child's dependency is as a result of full-time student status,  
10 the Court may make appropriate orders of maintenance, support,  
11 and education until said child completes the course of  
12 undergraduate education, but said orders shall not extend beyond  
13 the child's attainment of age twenty-three (23)."

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 215, Section 6C of the Massachusetts  
2 General Laws as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition is hereby  
3 amended by inserting after the words "substantial change in the  
4 circumstances of the parties", in line six the following words, "or  
5 the children."