

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4315

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By Mr. DeNucci of Newton, petition of A. Joseph DeNucci for an investigation and study by the Legislative Research Council of the use of courtroom testimony by child witnesses in proceedings arising out of the physical or sexual abuse by parents of such minors. The Judiciary.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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*Ordered*, That the Legislative Research Council shall investigate and study the subject of courtroom testimony by child witnesses in proceedings arising out of the physical and/or sexual abuse of said minor by its parent or parents. The Council shall further investigate and study ways by which the courts of the Commonwealth can improve current courtroom procedures in order to make said courtrooms more conducive to the elicitation of testimony from a physically and/or sexually abused minor. Said Council shall include its conclusions and recommendations, if any, in relation thereto, together with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to the same, to the General Court no later than six months from the effective date of this order.

