

HOUSE No. 116

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 requiring the Department of Social Services to provide certain information in care and protection proceedings .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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Second Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 68 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION IN CARE AND PROTECTION PROCEEDINGS .

*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 18B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6A the following section:—

3 Section 6B. The department shall develop a handbook explaining in detail the process involved in the
4 protection and care of children proceedings including but not be limited to the guidelines and procedures of the
5 department and the legal rights of all parties to such proceedings. Such handbook shall be given, at no cost, to all
6 parties or the representatives or agents in such proceedings at the initial contact.