

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 117**

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**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 relative to physical examinations of children prior to procedures by the Juvenile Court to place such children in custody of the Department of Social Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 74 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF CHILDREN PRIOR TO PROCEDURES  
BY THE JUVENILE COURT TO PLACE SUCH CHILDREN IN CUSTODY OF 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 1. Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 24 the following section:—

3           Section 24A. Within 48 hours of an allegation made under the provisions of section 24 and prior to any  
4 removal of the child from the home, the child shall be examined by a pediatrician or at a hospital emergency room  
5 and the results of such examination shall be submitted to the court. No employee of the department shall view any  
6 such child in a state of nudity.