

HOUSE No. 151

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna L. O'Connell

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to DCF criminal background checks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. O'Connell of Taunton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 151) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others relative to criminal background checks for employees of the Department of Children and Families . Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to DCF criminal background checks.

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 7 of chapter 18B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (p) The commissioner shall require social workers employed by the department and any
4 employee who has unsupervised contact with children to complete a criminal offender record
5 information investigation every 3 years.

6 Nothing in this section shall be construed to interfere with or impede any collective
7 bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this act.