

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1963**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 the protection of children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1963) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to the definitions of child abuse and child neglect in Department of Children and Families regulations. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the protection of 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department  
2 of Children and Families shall amend 110 CMR, Section 2.00, by including, in the definition of  
3 “Neglect”, the following:

4 i. Custodial parent opioid drug abuse or opioid drug dependence;

5 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Department  
6 of Children and Families shall amend 110 CMR, Section 2.00, by including, in the definition of  
7 “Abuse”, the following:

8 i. The sale, distribution or provision of drugs or alcohol to a child;

9 ii. The use, storage or manufacture of chemicals or equipment in a child's presence;

10 iii. The manufacturing of a controlled substance in the presence of or on the premises with  
11 a child.