

HOUSE No. 3109

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan Meschino

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 to make juvenile court custody orders fully enforceable.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. Meschino of Hull, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3109) of Joan Meschino and others for legislation to grant the Probate and Family Court Department exclusive jurisdiction to modify or enforce orders awarding legal custody of children. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1440 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act to make juvenile court custody orders fully enforceable.

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. Section 26 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new
3 subsection:-
4 (d) The probate and family court department shall have exclusive jurisdiction to modify
5 or enforce an order entered under chapter 119 awarding permanent legal custody of a child to the
6 child’s parent to the same extent that it has jurisdiction over a complaint for modification or
7 enforcement of a foreign judgment.