

HOUSE No. 00072

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth Poirier

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 providing for enhanced protection of children and investigation of abuse and neglect allegations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>George Ross</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Elizabeth Poirier of North Attleborough, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00072) of George Ross and others that the Department of Social Services be authorized to retain certain information to assist in risk and safety assessments of children and families.. Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 166 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act providing for enhanced protection of children and investigation of abuse and neglect allegations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter 119, as appearing in the 1996
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the following new
- 3 paragraph:—
- 4 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from keeping information on unsubstantiated
- 5 reports for no more than 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children

6 and families. Section 7. Section fifty-one of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in
7 the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following
8 new paragraph:—

9 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from keeping information on unsubstantiated
10 reports for no more than 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children and
11 families.