

SENATE No. 53

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 53) of John F. Keenan, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Patrick M. O'Connor, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to update terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act updating terminology and investigative practices related to the protection of persons with disabilities.

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 19 of chapter 19B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 126, 139, 280 and 281, 305, 384, 390
3 and 391, and in lines 394 and 395, the words “disabled persons protection commission” and
4 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- commission for the protection
5 of persons with disabilities.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 19C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
7 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following
8 title:- COMMISSION FOR THE PROTECTION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.

9 SECTION 3. Section 1 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 striking out the definition of “Abuse” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

11 “Abuse”, an act or omission of a caretaker which results in serious physical or serious
12 emotional injury to a person with a disability; provided, however, that no person shall be
13 considered to be abused for the sole reason that such person is being furnished or relies upon
14 treatment in accordance with the tenets and teachings of a church or religious denomination by a
15 duly accredited practitioner thereof. Abuse per se is such act or omission of a caretaker which
16 based upon its circumstances is determined by the Commission to be in and of itself abusive,
17 regardless of the presence of a serious physical or serious emotional injury.

18 SECTION 4. Said section 1 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
19 amended by striking out the definition of “Caretaker” and inserting in place thereof the following
20 definition:-

21 “Caretaker”, a parent, guardian, or other person or agency responsible for the person with
22 a disability’s health or welfare, whether in the same home as the person with a disability, a
23 relative’s home, a foster home or any other location where the caretaker renders assistance .

24 SECTION 5. Said section 1 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
25 amended by striking out, in line 13, the words “disabled persons protection commission” and
26 inserting in place thereof the following words:- commission for the protection of persons with
27 disabilities.

28 SECTION 6. Said section 1 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
29 amended by striking out the definitions of “Disabled person”, “General counsel”, “Mandated
30 reporter”, “Recommendations”, “Reportable condition” and “State agency”, and inserting in
31 place thereof the following 5 definitions:-

32 “Mandated reporter”, any physician, medical intern, hospital personnel engaged in the
33 examination, care or treatment of persons, medical examiner, dentist, psychologist, nurse,
34 chiropractor, podiatrist, osteopath, public or private school teacher, educational administrator,
35 guidance or family counselor, day care worker, probation officer, social worker, foster parent,
36 veterans’ service officer , police officer, animal control officer , firefighter, paramedic,
37 emergency medical technician, person employed by a state agency as defined by this chapter, or
38 person employed to provide assistance with activities of daily living to a person with a disability,
39 who in his or her professional capacity shall have reasonable cause to believe that a person with
40 a disability is suffering from a reportable condition.

41 “Person with a disability”, a person between the ages of eighteen to fifty-nine, inclusive,
42 who is a person with an intellectual or developmental disability as defined by section 1 of
43 chapter 123B or who is otherwise mentally or physically disabled and as a result of that mental
44 or physical disability is wholly or partially dependent on others to meet that person’s daily living
45 needs; provided however, that the term “person with a disability” shall replace the term “disabled
46 person” without changing the meaning.

47 “Recommendations”, a statement or statements contained in an investigation report
48 prepared pursuant to this chapter which set forth specific action or actions intended by the
49 investigator to protect the particular person with a disability or persons who are the subject or
50 subjects of the report from abuse or risk of abuse and which responds to the specific protective
51 needs of said person with a disability or persons or groups of persons with a disability similarly
52 situated.

53 “Reportable condition”, a serious physical or serious emotional injury sustained by a
54 person with a disability and for which there is reasonable cause to believe resulted from abuse, or
55 reasonable cause to believe that abuse per se exists.

56 “State agency”, any agency of the commonwealth that provides services or treatment to
57 persons with a disability including a private entity providing such services or treatment pursuant
58 to a contract, license or agreement with an agency of the commonwealth.

59 SECTION 7. Section 2 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
60 striking out the title and inserting in place thereof, the following title:- Establishment of the
61 commission for the protection of persons with disabilities; membership; terms; compensation;
62 annual report.

63 SECTION 8. Said section 2 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
64 amended by striking out, in line 2, the first time it appears, the words “disabled persons” and
65 inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

66 SECTION 9. Said section 2 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
67 amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “disabled persons protection commission”
68 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- commission for the protection of persons
69 with disabilities.

70 SECTION 10. Said section 2 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
71 amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “disabled persons” and inserting in place thereof
72 the following words:- persons with a disability.

73 SECTION 11. Said section 2 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
74 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “one of whom he shall designate as
75 chairman” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one of whom shall be designated
76 as chair.

77 SECTION 12. Section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
78 striking out, in lines 10 through 13, the following sentence, “For the purposes of determining the
79 standards established under this section, the commission shall confer with the district attorneys
80 and the attorney general.”

81 SECTION 13. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
82 striking out, in lines 20 and 21, the words “disabled persons” and inserting in place thereof the
83 following words:- persons with a disability.

84 SECTION 14. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
85 amended by striking out, in line 22, the words “other state”.

86 SECTION 15. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
87 amended by inserting, in line 27, after the word “section” the following words:-five or .

88 SECTION 16. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
89 amended by striking out, in lines 28 and 29, the words “disabled persons” and inserting in place
90 thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

91 SECTION 17. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
92 amended by inserting in line 32, after the words “sixty-six A” the following:- . Except as
93 otherwise provided in this chapter, all records containing confidential or personal data which are

94 created, collected, used, maintained or disseminated pursuant to this chapter shall not be public
95 records;.

96 SECTION 18. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
97 amended by striking subsection “(h)” in its entirety.

98 SECTION 19. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
99 amended by renumbering subsection “(i)” to the following subsection:- (h).

100 SECTION 20. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
101 amended by inserting, in line 39, after the word “initial” the following words:- evaluation or.

102 SECTION 21. Said section 3 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
103 amended by striking, in lines 44 through following 48, the following sentence, “The commission
104 shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing procedures to exclude personally identifiable
105 information regarding the subjects of investigations and to carry out the responsibilities of this
106 chapter in such a way as to disclose as little personally identifiable information as possible.” and
107 inserting in place thereof the following subsection:- (i) the commission shall promulgate rules
108 and regulations establishing procedures to exclude personally identifiable information regarding
109 the subjects of investigations and to carry out the responsibilities of this chapter in such a way as
110 to disclose as little personally identifiable information as possible.

111 SECTION 22. Section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
112 striking out, in line 1, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the following
113 words:- person with a disability, and subject to the commission’s authority to conduct its own
114 investigation.

115 SECTION 23. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
116 amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

117 (b) refer immediately any such reports, which allege the occurrence of abuse of a person
118 with a disability whose caretaker is a state agency, to the agency within the executive office of
119 health and human services which has jurisdiction over the disability manifested by the person
120 with a disability. As determined and assigned by the commission, either the commission or said
121 referral agency, subject to the oversight of the commission, shall investigate such abuse as
122 provided in section 5. In a case where a commission investigation is being conducted, the referral
123 agency shall take reasonable steps to avoid unnecessary, unwarranted or counterproductive
124 duplication between an internal investigation or inquiry by the referral agency and the
125 commission's investigation, by utilizing the commission's investigation in lieu of an internal
126 investigation conducted by the referral agency.

127 SECTION 24. Subsection (c) of said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is
128 hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
129 following paragraph:-

130 (c) refer immediately any such reports which allege the occurrence of abuse of a person
131 with a disability whose caretaker is not a state agency, to the agency within the executive office
132 of health and human services which the commission determines, based on the person's disability,
133 would most likely provide, license an entity to provide, or contract with or enter into an
134 agreement to provide services or treatment to the person with a disability. As determined and
135 assigned by the commission, either the commission or the referral agency, subject to the
136 oversight of the commission, shall investigate such abuse as provided in section 5.

137 SECTION 25. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
138 amended by inserting, after the first paragraph of subsection (c), the following subsection:-

139 (d) refer immediately, in accordance with subsections (b) and (c), for the provision of
140 protective services, reports which the commission determines present imminent risk of
141 substantial harm to a person with a disability, regardless of whether any serious injury is alleged.
142 The commission may oversee the provision of protective services until such time that the
143 commission determines the risk has been addressed.

144 SECTION 26. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
145 amended by striking out, in lines 35 and 36, the words “disabled person where the screener ” and
146 inserting in place thereof the following words:- person with a disability where the commission
147 staff.

148 SECTION 27. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
149 amended by striking out, in line 38, the word “screener” and inserting in place thereof the
150 following words:- commission staff.

151 SECTION 28. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
152 amended by striking out, in line 39 and 40, 41, and 42, the words “evaluation and investigation”
153 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- evaluation or investigation.

154 SECTION 29. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
155 amended by striking out, in lines 41 through 43 the words, “shall report the results of such
156 evaluation and investigation to the commissioners who shall,” and inserting in place thereof the
157 following word: and.

158 SECTION 30. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
159 amended by inserting, in line 46, the after the word “initial” the following words:- evaluation or.

160 SECTION 31. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
161 amended by striking, in lines 56 and 57, the words “clients of state agencies or of contract
162 providers” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- persons with a disability.

163 SECTION 32. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
164 amended by striking out, in line 58, the words “ commission’s or department’s” .

165 SECTION 33. Said section 4 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
166 amended by inserting, in line 59, after the word “investigation” the following words:-by the
167 commission or referral agency.

168 SECTION 34. Section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
169 striking out, in line 1, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the following
170 words:- person with a disability.

171 SECTION 35. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
172 amended by inserting after the word “designated”, in line 2, the following words:- and assigned.

173 SECTION 36. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
174 amended by striking out, in lines 2 to 4, inclusive, the words “ , the general counsel, or a
175 department within the executive office of health and human services”.

176 SECTION 37. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
177 amended by striking out, in lines 7 and 8, the words “counsel or department of mental health or
178 department of public health” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- department of

179 mental health, department of developmental services or the Massachusetts rehabilitation
180 commission.

181 SECTION 38. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
182 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “disabled person’s health or safety” and inserting in
183 place thereof the following words:- health or safety of a person with a disability.

184 SECTION 39. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
185 amended by striking out, in line 12, the words “the disabled person’s residence and day program,
186 if any” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- any sites relevant to the alleged
187 abuse, which may include, but not be limited to, the residence and day program of the person
188 with a disability.

189 SECTION 40. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
190 amended by striking out, in line 13, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof
191 the following words:- person with a disability.

192 SECTION 41. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
193 amended by striking out, in lines 17 to 19, inclusive, the words “to the general counsel and to the
194 department of mental health and the department of public health” and inserting in place thereof
195 the following words:- and to the department of mental health, department of developmental
196 services or the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, as appropriate.

197 SECTION 42. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
198 amended by inserting, in line 22, after the word “ten” the following words:- or the employer of
199 said mandated reporter.

200 SECTION 43. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
201 amended by inserting , in line 24, after the word “agency” the following words:- it designates for
202 investigation.

203 SECTION 44. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
204 amended by striking, in line 30, the word “neither” and inserting in place thereof the following
205 word:- not.

206 SECTION 45. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
207 amended by striking out, in lines 31 through 33, the following words, “nor prevent the admission
208 of such documents in any civil or disciplinary proceeding arising out of the alleged abuse or
209 neglect of the disabled person”.

210 SECTION 46. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
211 amended by striking out, in lines 43 and 44, the words “the facility named in the report, if any,”
212 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- any sites relevant to the report.

213 SECTION 47. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
214 amended by striking out, in line 45, the words “in the same facility”.

215 SECTION 48. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
216 amended by striking out, in lines 46 and 47, the words “the general counsel, the department of
217 mental health and the department of public health” and inserting in place thereof the following
218 words:- and to the department of mental health, department of developmental services or the
219 Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, as appropriate,.

220 SECTION 49. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
221 amended by striking out, in line 50, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof
222 the following words:- person with a disability.

223 SECTION 50. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
224 amended by striking out, in line 52, the words “, the general counsel, the attorney general”.

225 SECTION 51. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
226 amended by striking out, in line 54, the word “six” and inserting in place thereof the following
227 word:- three.

228 SECTION 52. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
229 amended by striking out, in lines 56 and 58, the word “misconduct” and inserting in place
230 thereof, in each instance, the following word:- abuse.

231 SECTION 53. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
232 amended by striking out, in line 60, the words “prior to the issuance of said report”.

233 SECTION 54. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
234 amended by striking out, in line 61, the word “misconduct” and inserting in place thereof the
235 following word:- abuse.

236 SECTION 55. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
237 amended by striking out, in line 63, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof
238 the following words:- person with a disability.

239 SECTION 56. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
240 amended by inserting, in line 67, after the word “contrary,” the following words:- may refer any

241 matters for which there is reason to believe that a violation of any statute, regulation, or rule has
242 occurred to the appropriate agency of the commonwealth that has jurisdiction over the violation.
243 In addition, the commission, notwithstanding any provisions of chapter sixty-six A regarding
244 personal data to the contrary,”.

245 SECTION 57. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
246 amended by striking out, in lines 73, 75, 77 and 78, the words “disabled person” and inserting in
247 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a disability.

248 SECTION 58. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
249 amended by striking out, in line 77, the word “or” as third appearing.

250 SECTION 59. Said section 5 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
251 amended by inserting, in line 79, after the word “caretaker” the following words:- ; or (d) another
252 criminal offense has occurred which has caused harm to a person with a disability.

253 SECTION 60. Section 6 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
254 striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

255 The commission, acting through agencies within the executive office of health and
256 human services designated by the commission for the purpose of providing protective services,
257 as necessary to prevent further abuse in cases investigated pursuant to this chapter and subject to
258 the oversight of the commission, shall:-

259 SECTION 61. Said section 6 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
260 amended by striking out, in lines 10 and 15, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place
261 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a disability.

262 SECTION 62. Section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
263 striking out, in lines 1 and 2, the words “the general counsel, the department of mental health or
264 the department of public health,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the
265 department of mental health, the department of developmental services or the Massachusetts
266 rehabilitation commission.

267 SECTION 63. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
268 amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the
269 following words:- person with a disability.

270 SECTION 64. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
271 amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words “, counsel or department” and inserting in
272 place thereof the following words:- or agency.

273 SECTION 65. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
274 amended by striking out, in lines 6 and 7, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place
275 thereof the following words:- person with a disability.

276 SECTION 66. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
277 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “, counsel or department” and inserting in place
278 thereof the following words:- or agency.

279 SECTION 67. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
280 amended by striking out, in lines 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18, the words “disabled person” and
281 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a disability.

282 SECTION 68. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
283 amended by inserting, in line 20, after the word “guardian” the following words:- or guardian.

284 SECTION 69. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
285 amended by striking out, in lines 20 and 21, and 22, the words “disabled person” and inserting in
286 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a disability.

287 SECTION 70. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
288 amended by striking out, in line 29, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof,
289 the following words:- person with a disability.

290 SECTION 71. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
291 amended by striking out, in lines 33 and 34, the words “, counsel or department” and inserting in
292 place thereof the following words:- or agency.

293 SECTION 72. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
294 amended by striking out, in line 35, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof
295 the following words:- person with a disability.

296 SECTION 73. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
297 amended by striking out, in line 37, the words “, counsel or department” and inserting in place
298 thereof the following words:- or agency.

299 SECTION 74. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
300 amended by striking out, in lines 39 and 40, 46, 47 and 48, 59 and 61, the words “disabled
301 person” and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a
302 disability.

303 SECTION 75. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
304 amended by striking out, in line 62, the words “, counsel or department” and inserting in place
305 thereof the following words:- or agency.

306 SECTION 76. Said section 7 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
307 amended by striking out, in lines 65, 67 and 68, the words “disabled person” and inserting in
308 place thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a disability.

309 SECTION 77. Section 8 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
310 striking out, in the title, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the following
311 words:- persons with a disability.

312 SECTION 78. Said section 8 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
313 striking out, in line 2, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the following
314 words:- person with a disability.

315 SECTION 79. Said section 8 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
316 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “disabled persons” and inserting in place thereof
317 the following words:- persons with a disability.

318 SECTION 80. Section 9 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
319 striking out subsection (d), and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

320 (d) refer any matters for which there is reason to believe that abuse has occurred by a
321 state agency or its employee, to the agency of the commonwealth contracting with or licensing
322 such party for termination of such contract or license or for such other action as may be deemed
323 appropriate by such agency of the commonwealth.

324 SECTION 81. Section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
325 striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “and shall report in writing within forty-eight hours after
326 such oral report”.

327 SECTION 82. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
328 amended by striking out, in line 7, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the
329 following words:- person with a disability.

330 SECTION 83. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
331 amended by striking out, in line 10, the word “six” and inserting in place thereof the following
332 word:- three.

333 SECTION 84. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
334 amended by inserting, in line 12, after the word “file” the following word:- a.

335 SECTION 85. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
336 amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 19, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place
337 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- person with a disability.

338 SECTION 86. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
339 amended by striking, in lines 26 and 27, the words “in any civil action arising out of a report
340 made pursuant to this chapter” and inserting in place thereof, the following words:- participation
341 in an investigation conducted pursuant to this chapter.

342 SECTION 87. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
343 amended by striking out, in line 29, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof,
344 the following words:- person with a disability.

345 SECTION 88. Said section 10 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
346 amended by striking out, in lines 32 and 33, the words “oral and written reports” and inserting in
347 place thereof, the following words:- a report.

348 SECTION 89. Section 11 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
349 striking out, in line 6, the words “, the general counsel or”.

350 SECTION 90. Said section 11 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
351 amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the
352 following words:- person with a disability.

353 SECTION 91. Said section 11 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
354 amended by inserting, in line 33, after the word “writing.” the following sentence:- The
355 commission may investigate any allegation under this section pursuant to section 5 or 9.

356 SECTION 92. Section 12 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
357 striking out, in lines 10 and 11, the words “, in consultation with the secretary of health and
358 human services,”.

359 SECTION 93. Said section 12 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
360 amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “formal”.

361 SECTION 94. Said section 12 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
362 amended by striking out, in lines 12 and 13, the words “, in consultation with the secretary of
363 health and human services,”.

364 SECTION 95. Said section 12 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
365 amended by striking out, in line 13, the words “a formal” and inserting in place thereof the
366 word:- an.

367 SECTION 96. Section 13 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
368 striking out, in the title, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the following
369 words:- person with a disability.

370 SECTION 97. Said section 13 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
371 amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the
372 following words:- person with a disability.

373 SECTION 98. Said section 13 of chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
374 by striking out, in line 6, the word “a” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- any.

375 SECTION 99. Said section 13 of said chapter 19C, as so appearing, is hereby further
376 amended by striking out, in line 8, the words “disabled person” and inserting in place thereof the
377 following words:- person with a disability.

378 SECTION 100. Section 220 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
379 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 20 to 21, the words “disabled persons protection
380 commission” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- commission for the protection
381 of persons with disabilities.