

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00061**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

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*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 relative to mandated reporters.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Bristol*

# SENATE . . . . . No. 00061

By Mr. Pacheco, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 61) of Pacheco for legislation relative to mandated reporters [Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 63 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to mandated reporters.  
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*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 51A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter  
2 176 of the acts 2008, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section (a) the following:  
3 ; provided however, where a mandated reporter who, in his professional capacity, has reasonable  
4 cause to believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse  
5 inflicted upon him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare,  
6 including sexual abuse shall immediately communicate such condition to the state or local  
7 police.