

HOUSE No. 67

By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to videotaping testimony of children in the custody of the Department of Social Services. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VIDEOTAPING TESTIMONY OF CHILDREN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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 24 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
- 3 following paragraph:—
- 4 Any interviews of the child conducted while he is in the custody
- 5 of the department shall be videotaped and made available to all par-
- 6 ties and the court at the hearing conducted under the provisions of
- 7 section 25.