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By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to information to be provided to foster children by the Department of Social Services. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO FOSTER CHILDREN  
BY 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 23 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 The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Serv-  
5 ices shall choose an individual or group involved in child advocacy,  
6 independent of the DSS, to prepare and make available to each child  
7 entering the custody of the department a pamphlet entitled “My  
8 Rights In Foster Care” which shall detail the child’s rights in the  
9 following areas: legal proceedings, foster care placement, visitation  
10 with siblings and other family, health care, education and complaint  
11 filing. Said pamphlet shall be prepared in consultation with the  
12 National Center For Youth Law and the Children’s Administration.