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By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, petition of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to the physical examination of children prior to procedures by the Juvenile Court to place such children in 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 PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF CHILDREN PRIOR TO PROCEDURES BY THE JUVENILE COURT TO PLACE SUCH CHILDREN IN 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 Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Offi-
- 2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 24 the
- 3 following section:—
- 4 Section 24A. Within 48 hours of an allegation made under the
- 5 provisions of section 24 and prior to any removal of the child from
- 6 the home, the child shall be examined by a pediatrician or at a hos-
- 7 pital emergency room and the results of such examination shall be
- 8 submitted to the court. No employee of the department shall view
- 9 any such child in a state of nudity.