

HOUSE No. 128

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Scott P. Brown that the Department of Social Services be authorized to retain certain information to assist in risk and safety assessments of children and families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ENHANCED PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AN INVESTIGATION OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT ALLEGATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter
2 119, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended
3 by adding at the end of the section the following new para-
4 graph:—

5 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from
6 keeping information on unsubstantiated reports for no more than
7 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of chil-
8 dren and families.

9 Section 7. Section fifty-one of Chapter 119 of the General
10 Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby
11 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new
12 paragraph:—

13 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from
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15 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of chil-
16 dren and families.