

HOUSE No. 1426

By Ms. Fox of Boston, petition of Gloria L. Fox and others relative to community based juvenile justice programs. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Gloria L. Fox	Willie Mae Allen
William Lantigua	Patricia D. Jehlen
Elizabeth A. Malia	Byron Rushing
Kay Khan	Alice K. Wolf
Benjamin Swan	Alice Hanlon Peisch
Anthony J. Verga	

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMUNITY BASED JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAMS.

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 32 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first
3 sentence the following sentence:— The district attorney assigned to
4 the community based juvenile justice program must notify each
5 child’s parent or guardian in writing fourteen days prior to the date
6 when any information concerning his child will be discussed.

7 The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 221 of the acts of
8 2004 is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and
9 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Employees and
10 representatives of the department of social services, the department
11 of mental health, and the department of public health may share
12 information regarding the existence of services, treatment plans, and
13 the identity of providers; provided, however, that the child’s parent
14 or guardians must be notified in writing 14 days prior to the date
15 when any information concerning his child will be discussed; but
16 said employees and representatives shall share privileged informa-
17 tion only when authorized by order of the juvenile court in requests
18 involving a child under the age of 17 and the district court for
19 requests concerning adults.

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