

HOUSE No. 1321

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act relative to those who aid in the commission of a crime against a child.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THOSE WHO AID IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME AGAINST A CHILD.

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

Section 1. Section 13B of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

By deleting lines 1-3 of section 13B as so appearing up to the semi-colon in line 3 and inserting in its place the following:-

“Whoever commits an indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14, or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime, shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 12 years , or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 5 years “

Section 2. Section 13H of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

By amending line 2 of section 13H as so appearing by inserting after the word “fourteen” the following:-
“,or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

And, by further deleting in line 3 the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the following:-
“7”

And, by deleting in line 4 the words "two and one-half"and inserting in place thereof the following:-
“5”

Section 3. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

By amending lines 17, 21, 28 and 33 of section 13J as so appearing by inserting after the word “injury” in each of the lines, the following:-

“ , or whoever aids in the commission of such a crime,”;

And further, by deleting in lines 19, 23, 29 and 35 the words “two and one-half ” inserting in place thereof the following:-

“5 ”;

And further, by deleting in lines 18 and34 the word ”five” and inserting in place thereof the following:-
“7”;

And further, by deleting inline 22 the word “fifteen” and inserting in place thereof the following:-
“17”

Section 4. Section 13L of chapter 365 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended as follows:

By amending line 16 of section 13L as so appearing by inserting after the word “child” the following:-
“,or whoever aids in the commission of such a risk or crime,”

And, by further amending line 19 of said section as so appearing by deleting the number “2 1/2” and inserting in place thereof the following number:-

“5.