

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1672**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Creem**

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*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 the crime of assault and battery on a child.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia Stone Creem	First Middlesex and Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00904 OF 2007-2008.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CRIME OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON 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:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended as follows:- to insert in line 6, after the word “any” and before the  
3 word, “injury,” the words “bruising or”, and to insert in line 7, after the word “skin,” the words “,  
4 any internal injury due to the presence of illegal substances,”

5 SECTION 2. Said Section 13J of chapter 265 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 further amended as follows:- to strike the word “five” in line 18 and replace the same with the  
7 word “ten”, and to strike the word “fifteen” in line 22, and to replace the same with the word  
8 “twenty.”