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# HOUSE . . . . . No. 115

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Poirier***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for enhanced protection of children and investigation of abuse and neglect allegations.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Elizabeth A. Poirier* | *14th Bristol* |
| *Donald H. Wong* | *9th Essex* |

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# HOUSE . . . . . No. 115

By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 115) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Donald H. Wong 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *140* OF 2013-2014.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court**
**(2015-2016)**

An Act providing for enhanced protection of children and 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:*

The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter 119, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the following new paragraph:—

Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from keeping information on unsubstantiated reports for no more than 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments of children and families.

7 Section 7. Section fifty-one A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
8 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following new
9 paragraph:—

10 Nothing in this section shall prevent the department from keeping information on
11 unsubstantiated reports for no more than 60 months to assist in future risk and safety assessments
12 of children and families.