

HOUSE No. 4613

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 19, 2016.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 62) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to adolescent development; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 68) of Kenneth J. Donnelly and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to eliminate photo identification on electronic benefit cards; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 74) of Ryan C. Fattman, Shaunna L. O'Connell and Richard J. Ross for legislation to SAVE Massachusetts tax dollars; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 78) of Brian A. Joyce, Barbara L'Italien and Jonathan Hecht for legislation to create and authorize level iv behavioral treatment interventions; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 80) of Brian A. Joyce, Tom Sannicandro, Paul McMurtry, Sean Garballey and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the humane treatment of disabled persons; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 85) of Barbara L'Italien, Tom Sannicandro and David M. Rogers for legislation relative to passage to independence; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 97) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to mandated reporters; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 98) of Marc R. Pacheco, Antonio F. D. Cabral, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Colleen M. Garry and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure accountability in the Department of Transitional Assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 99) of Richard J. Ross, Shawn Dooley, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Leonard Mirra and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to prevention of EBT fraud; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 100) of Richard J. Ross, Shawn Dooley, Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., Leah Cole and other members of the General Court for legislation to further reduce EBT fraud; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 108) of Nancy Guardia for legislation to protect persons who provide information to protect children; the petition

(accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1043) of John F. Keenan for legislation relative to eligibility for disability services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 68) of Ruth B. Balsler and others relative to protecting access to disability services for certain adults enrolled in the integrated care organization pilot program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 69) of F. Jay Barrows and others for legislation to establish a substance screening program within the Department of Transitional Assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 72) of Nicholas A. Boldyga and David F. DeCoste relative to reporting requirements of public benefit recipients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 73) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to requiring drug tests to screen individuals who apply for transitional assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 77) of Claire D. Cronin and others for legislation to ensure continued health insurance coverage for certain children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 80) of Leslie DiOrio relative to research and wards of state not otherwise approvable and problems affecting the health or welfare of children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 87) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others relative to the collection and reporting of certain nursing facility resident care information; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 88) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others relative to the suspension of benefits by the Department of Transitional Assistance for persons convicted of certain crimes against the person; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 89) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others for legislation to prohibit the use of procedures which cause physical pain or deny a reasonable humane existence to persons with disabilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 92) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to the care and protection of children; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 93) of Paul R. Heroux and others for legislation to grant certain grandparents the rights and privileges of kinship care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 100) of Kevin J. Kuros, James J. Dwyer and Nicholas A. Boldyga for legislation to expand the Department of Children and Families definition of mandated reporter; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 102) of Marc T. Lombardo and Shaunna L. O'Connell relative to establishing a missing child trust fund within the Department of Children and Families; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 103) of Marc T. Lombardo and others for legislation to require proof of residency for public benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 104) of James J. Lyons, Jr., relative to residency verification for people seeking taxpayer-funded individual benefits from the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 105) of James J. Lyons, Jr., and Shaunna L. O'Connell that public benefits only be received by individuals who are residents of the Commonwealth and have proper verifiable documents or identification from their country of origin; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 106) of James J. Lyons, Jr., and others for an investigation by an

independent commission on a certain case before the Department of Children and Families regarding Justina Pelletier; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 109) of Shaunna L. O'Connell and others relative to strengthening public assistance programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 111) of James J. O'Day and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to reducing injury to individuals in the care and custody of the staff of the Department of Youth Services and to the staff of said department; the 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; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 116) of Elizabeth A. Poirier, Kimberly N. Ferguson and Alan Silvia relative to continuously monitoring the entrances, exits and common areas of all facilities operated under the authority of the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Developmental Services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 117) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and Kimberly N. Ferguson relative to the licensure and regulation of au pair and nanny agencies by the Office of Child Care Services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 119) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to develop housing plans for families with minor children that are being evicted from publicly subsidized housing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Dennis A. Rosa, James J. Dwyer and Stephen L. DiNatale relative to the criteria for the removal of children by the Department of Children and Families; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 123) of Dennis A. Rosa and others for legislation to create an independent ombudsman office to oversee certain functions of the Department of Children and Families; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 134) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to funding health and human service programs; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 137) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to establishing a low-vision registry and improving access to information for the Commonwealth Registry of the Blind; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1319) of Colleen M. Garry relative to establishing paternity and establishing uniform procedures for providing information to mothers and certain fathers regarding the benefits and responsibilities of parentage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1816) of Tom Sannicandro relative to financial support for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3209) of Shaunna L. O'Connell, David F. DeCoste and Dennis A. Rosa relative to the immigration status of persons applying for assistance from the Commonwealth; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3210) of Shaunna L. O'Connell, Ryan C. Fattman and others for legislation to authorize the Office of the State Auditor to conduct annual audits of the Department of Transitional Assistance; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3211) of

Shaunna L. O'Connell, Ryan C. Fattman and others for legislation to prohibit the Department of Transitional Assistance from issuing certain work requirement waivers under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3380) of Shaunna L. O'Connell, Ryan C. Fattman and others relative to the use of cash benefit assistance; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3647) of Ron Goldman to encourage parents and caregivers of children to refrain from the use of corporal punishment; reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4613) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

KAY KHAN.

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities be
2 authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of
3 Senate documents numbered 62, 68, 74, 78, 80, 85, 97, 98, 99, 100, 108 and 1043 and House
4 documents numbered 68, 69, 72, 73, 77, 80, 87, 88, 89, 92, 93, 100, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106,
5 109, 111, 115, 116, 117, 119, 122, 123, 134, 137, 1319, 1816, 3209, 3210, 3211, 3380 and 3647,
6 relative to children, families, persons with disabilities and other related matters.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2016.