

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 166**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act providing for enhanced protection of children an 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:*

1           The second paragraph of section fifty-one E of said Chapter 119, as appearing in the 1996  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the following new  
3 paragraph:—

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

7           and families. Section 7. Section fifty-one of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as  
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9 the following new paragraph:—

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