

SENATE No. 29

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act to let child support come home.

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 21 of chapter 18 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, a recipient
4 shall not be required to include a child in the assistance unit or to assign that child’s support to
5 the department. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the
6 department shall not count any child support collections paid on behalf of a child who is not
7 receiving benefits paid by the department in determining the eligibility for benefits of other
8 family members.