

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1440**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kay Khan*

*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 to make juvenile court custody orders fully enforceable.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1440) of Kay Khan, Denise Andrews and Marcos A. Devers for legislation to grant the Probate and Family Court Department exclusive jurisdiction to modify or enforce orders awarding legal custody of children. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to make juvenile court custody orders fully enforceable.

*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 26 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new  
3 subsection:-

4           (d) The probate and family court department shall have exclusive jurisdiction to modify  
5 or enforce an order entered under chapter 119 awarding permanent legal custody of a child to the  
6 child’s parent to the same extent that it has jurisdiction over a complaint for modification or  
7 enforcement of a foreign judgment.