

HOUSE No. 1444

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 eliminate unnecessary time in foster care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2013</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/28/2013</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1444) of Kay Khan and others relative to the granting of temporary or permanent custody to a parent when the other parent is deemed unfit. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to eliminate unnecessary time in foster care.

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 (a) of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following new
3 sentence:-

4 The court may thereafter grant temporary or permanent custody of the child to the child's
5 parent without a finding that the child's other parent is unfit or adjudicating the child in need of
6 care and protection.