

HOUSE No. 159

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin Swan

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 relative to the department of children and families..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/11/2013</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 159) of Benjamin Swan and Gloria L. Fox relative to domestic violence programs within the jurisdiction of the Department of Children and Families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 996 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the department of children and families..

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 2 of Chapter 18B of the General Laws of Massachusetts is hereby amended
2 adding the following to line 14 therein:— Temporary residential programs, and/or certified
3 domestic violence programs shall be precluded from arbitrarily, or as a matter of procedure,
4 transferring local residents who are victims of domestic violence out of the area. This bill does
5 not inhibit the transfer of a local resident; however, if a victim of domestic violence has
6 legitimate reason to believe that she will be safe in a local facility, then she shall not be
7 prevented from staying if vacancies are available. No policy or program shall turn away a local
8 victim of domestic violence in the name of safety