

SENATE No. 727

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 defining court administrative records as public records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James B. Eldridge
Denise Andrews

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Worcester
2nd Franklin

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 727) of James B. Eldridge and Denise Andrews for legislation to define certain administrative records as public records. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 769 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act defining court administrative records as public records.

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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “thereof,” at line 135, the
3 following words:- or of the office of court management or the office of probation.

4 SECTION 2. Said section 7 of said chapter 4, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
5 by inserting at the end of subclause (f) of clause twenty-sixth the following words:- , and
6 information regarding the supervision of individual named probationers; provided that when
7 such information is introduced in a judicial proceeding it shall be publicly accessible in the same
8 manner as other judicial records.

9 SECTION 3. Section 100 of chapter 276 is hereby repealed.