

**SENATE . . . . . No. 813**

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**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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 813) of James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis, James Arciero and Chris Walsh for legislation to define certain administrative records as public records. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 727 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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. Section 7 of said chapter 4, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
5   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 Section 100 of chapter 276 is hereby repealed.