

# SENATE . . . . . No. 97

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

*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 mandated reporters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 97) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to mandated reporters. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 36 OF 2013-2014.]

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to mandated reporters.

*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 51A of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 176 of the acts  
2   2014, is hereby amended by inserting at the end of section (a) the following: ; provided  
3   however, where a mandated reporter who, in his professional capacity, has reasonable cause to  
4   believe that a child is suffering physical or emotional injury resulting from abuse inflicted upon  
5   him which causes harm or substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare, including  
6   sexual abuse shall immediately communicate such condition to the state or local police.