

HOUSE No. 1354

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nicholas A. Boldyga

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 child welfare.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>

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By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1354) of Nicholas A. Boldyga for legislation to increase the penalties for assault and battery upon a child. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1174 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to child welfare.

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: Paragraph 8 of Section 13J of Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended to strike out the words “shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than two and
3 one-half years in the house of correction.” And insert “shall be punished by imprisonment in the
4 state prison for not more than ten years or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not
5 more than two and one-half years or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by both
6 such fine and imprisonment.”

7 SECTION 2: Paragraph 9 of Section 13J of Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby
8 amended to strike out the words “shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than two and
9 one-half years in the house of correction.” And insert “shall be punished by imprisonment in the
10 state prison for not more than ten years or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not

- 11 more than two and one-half years or by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or by both
- 12 such fine and imprisonment.”