

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 97**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*William L. Crocker, Jr. and Timothy R. Whelan*

*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 to improve child safety.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                          | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                   | DATE ADDED:      |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i>               | <i>1/16/2019</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>       | <i>1st Barnstable</i>               | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>      | <i>37th Middlesex</i>               | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven S. Howitt</i>        | <i>4th Bristol</i>                  | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>  | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Randy Hunt</i>              | <i>5th Barnstable</i>               | <i>1/21/2019</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i>             | <i>11th Worcester</i>               | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>      | <i>1st Plymouth</i>                 | <i>1/24/2019</i> |
| <i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>    | <i>3rd Bristol</i>                  | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Norman J. Orrall</i>        | <i>12th Bristol</i>                 | <i>1/30/2019</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>    | <i>14th Bristol</i>                 | <i>1/29/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>        | <i>8th Worcester</i>                | <i>1/22/2019</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>       | <i>9th Middlesex</i>                | <i>1/28/2019</i> |
| <i>José F. Tosado</i>          | <i>9th Hampden</i>                  | <i>1/17/2019</i> |

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By Messrs. Crocker of Barnstable and Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 97) of William L. Crocker, Jr., Timothy R. Whelan and others for legislation to further regulate the sharing of certain police reports by investigators of the Department of Children and Families. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3657 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to improve child safety.

*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 97D of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence prior to the last sentence now  
3 existing in the section:

4           “Provided further, that nothing in this section shall be construed as to prevent law  
5 enforcement officers from making any such reports or communication accessible to investigators  
6 employed by the Department of Children and Families.”