

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1920**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***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 relative to juvenile justice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/14/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/25/2021</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2021</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/9/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1920) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to juvenile justice. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1581 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to juvenile justice.

*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 52 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by section 72 of  
2 chapter 69 of the acts of 2018, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of  
3 “Delinquent child” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4 “Delinquent child”, a child between 12 and 18 years of age who commits any offense  
5 against a law of the Commonwealth; provided, however, that such offense shall not include a  
6 civil infraction, a violation of any municipal ordinance or town by-law or a first offense of a  
7 misdemeanor for which the punishment is a fine, imprisonment in a jail or house of correction,  
8 provided, further, that the court will make such determination prior to arraignment, for not more  
9 than 6 months or both such fine and imprisonment.