

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 277**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven G. Xiarhos 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>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/20/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/21/2021</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/28/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>

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By Messrs. Xiarhos of Barnstable and Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 277) of Steven G. Xiarhos, 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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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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.”