

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1720**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Colleen M. Garry*

*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 court approved parent education program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1720) of Colleen M. Garry relative to a court approved parent education program in certain probate proceedings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1511 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to court approved parent education program.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 209C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following:-

3 Section 25. Any parent involved in a paternity case must complete a Probate and Family  
4 Court approved parent education program.