

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2361**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***James C. Arena-DeRosa***

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*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 ensuring quality healthcare for children.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Arena-DeRosa of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2361) of James C. Arena-DeRosa relative to the right to inspect medical records. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)

An Act relative to ensuring quality healthcare for children.

*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 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Any parent or guardian of a patient or resident of a facility under the age of 16 years of  
4 age shall have to right inspect all medical records, including digital medical records, of the  
5 patient or resident without consent except for medical records involving the following: (i) family  
6 planning services pursuant to section 24E; (ii) gender-affirming health care services pursuant to  
7 section 5F½ of chapter 112; (iii) substance use treatment pursuant to section 12E of said chapter  
8 112; (iv) sexually transmitted disease treatment pursuant to section 12F of said chapter 112; (v)  
9 treatment related to a pregnancy pursuant to said section 12F of said chapter 112; and (vi) mental  
10 health treatment pursuant to section 10 of chapter 123. The department shall promulgate rules  
11 and regulations to carry out the purpose of this paragraph.