

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5091

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 11, 2026.

The committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 285) of Greg Schwartz, Patrick Joseph Kearney and Jacob R. Oliveira relative to health care quality for children and youth, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5091) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JAY D. LIVINGSTONE.

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

## An Act relative to health care quality for children and youth.

*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 5 of chapter 18A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024 Official Edition,  
2                   is hereby amended by inserting after the word “custody”, in line 20, the following sentences:-  
3                   Said bureau shall utilize pediatric best practices and a standard of care as defined by MassHealth  
4                   and the Department of Public Health guidelines when providing medical services to youth to  
5                   promote the health and well-being of every child, which shall include, but not be limited to,  
6                   mental health services, physical health services, health promotion, and preventative health care.  
7                   It shall further be responsible for monitoring and enforcement of medical contracts to improve  
8                   medical care access and quality for children in the care and custody of the department.