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SENATE . . . . . No. 1228

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patrick M. O'Connor	*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1228) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to juvenile offenders. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1086* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to juvenile offenders.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Delinquent child" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Delinquent child", a child between 10 and 18 years of age who commits any offense against a law of the commonwealth; provided, however, that such offense shall not include a civil infraction, a violation of any municipal ordinance or town by-law or a first offense of a misdemeanor for which the punishment is a fine, imprisonment in a jail or house of correction for not more than 6 months or both such fine and imprisonment.

9 SECTION 2. Section 54 of said chapter 119, as amended by chapter 69 of the Acts of
10 2018, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the figure “12” and inserting in place thereof
11 the following figure:- 10.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall go into effect immediately upon its passage.