

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 An act to ensure information management integrity by the office of the child advocate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to ensure information management integrity by the office of the child advocate. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act An act to ensure information management integrity by the office of the child advocate.

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 1. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 18C Section 12 is hereby amended by
2 inserting at the end the following:--

3 "(f) If the child advocate, or the office of the child advocate, elects to withhold a report or
4 components of a report, it shall provide any requesting party with the reasons therefore in
5 writing, which shall also be recorded and available for public inspection, provided further, that
6 nothing in this section shall require any action by office of the child advocate which would have
7 the purpose or effect of compromising any investigation or protective measures that could be, or
8 are being, undertaken by the office of the child advocate or the department of children and
9 families."