



To: The Honorable Michael D. Hurley, Senate Clerk
The Honorable Timothy Carroll, House Clerk

From: Jennifer Franco, Massachusetts District Attorneys Association

Date: April 8, 2026

Re: **Report on the Status of Child Abuse and Neglect Cases (G.L. c. 12, § 20D)**

As required by G.L. c. 12, § 20D¹, the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (MDAA) submits the attached report for FY 2025.

¹ G.L. c. 12, § 20D: The executive director [of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association] shall annually report on the status of child abuse and neglect cases that have been referred for criminal prosecution, including the number prosecuted, the results of those prosecutions, the principal reason for decisions not to prosecute, and what resources would have assisted in those investigations and prosecutions. The report shall be filed with the clerks of the senate and the house, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the joint committee on children, families and persons with disabilities, the joint committee on the judiciary, the child advocate, and the governor.