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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Demetrius J. Atsalis***

*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 establishing criminal liability for certain actions of employees of the department of chilren and families.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Demetrius J. Atsalis* | *2nd Barnstable* |

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By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 398) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to establishing criminal liability for certain actions of employees of the Department of Social Services. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1261* OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act relative to establishing criminal liability for certain actions of employees of the department of chilren and families.

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

Section 51B of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Any employee of the department shall be liable for criminal prosecution for child endangerment by the act of screening out any report for abuse or neglect received under section 51A brought against a foster home or residential placement where the department has placed a child without referral to law enforcement.

Such employee may also face administrative sanctions in the form of suspension, termination or revocation of license.