

Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H2629

Name: An Act relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers.

Sponsor(s): Representative James Hawkins

Hearing Date: 15th October, 2025 at 1PM in A2

Prior History: Favorable

This amendment modifies Chapter 233 (Witness and Evidence) , Section 20N(a) (Disclosure of home address or personal telephone number of social worker employed by the department of children and families; service of process, summons or subpoena upon social worker; state-issued identification cards of the General Laws by updating the definition of "Emergency Service Provider" to encompass a broader range of professionals involved in emergency response and law enforcement.

Section 1 - Updated Definition of Emergency Service Provider:

- Old Definition Struck Out: The previous definition of “Emergency Service Provider” is removed.
- New Definition Inserted: The new definition of “Emergency service provider” now includes:
 - Active or retired law enforcement officers
 - Police officers
 - State police troopers
 - Sheriffs or deputy sheriffs
 - Firefighters
 - State or municipal police criminalists
 - Crime scene personnel
 - Police dispatchers or 911 operators
 - Emergency medical personnel