

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 107**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Bradford Hill*

*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the Department of Children and Families.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bradford Hill*

*4th Essex*

*Shaunna O'Connell*

*3rd Bristol*

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By Mr. Hill of Ipswich, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 107) of Bradford Hill and Shaunna O'Connell for legislation to direct the Inspector General to conduct an investigation of the Department of Children and Families relative to appropriate levels of care for children. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act relative to the Department of Children 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:*

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary the Inspector General shall  
2 conduct an investigation of the Department of Children and Families to ensure that all children  
3 who interact in any way with the Department, or for whom it may be appropriate to interact with  
4 the Department, are receiving the appropriate level of care and attention. The focus of said  
5 investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the Department's compliance with the letter and  
6 spirit of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2008, An Act to Protect Children in the Care of the  
7 Commonwealth, as well as the ability under Chapter 176 and other laws of persons with an  
8 interest in the well-being of the child to petition both the Department and to the courts to adjust  
9 the child's custody status.

10 The Inspector General shall report the results of this investigation, along with legislative  
11 recommendations, if any, to the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with  
12 Disabilities not later than December 31, 2014, and shall prominently post such results on the  
13 Inspector General's official website.