

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 118**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to videotaping testimony of children in custody of the Department of Social Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Demetrius J. Atsalis	Second Barnstable

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO VIDEOTAPING TESTIMONY OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES..

*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. Section 24 of chapter 119 of the General laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3           Any interviews of the child conducted while he is in the custody of the department shall be videotaped and  
4 made available to all parties and the court at the hearing conducted under the provisions of section 25.