

HOUSE No. 1397

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

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 allowing a child under state custody to visit an imprisoned parent at a location other than the correction facility.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> | <i>1/16/2023</i> |

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1397) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. relative to allowing children in state custody to visit imprisoned parents at locations other than correctional facilities. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1466 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act allowing a child under state custody to visit an imprisoned parent at a location other than the correction facility.

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 37 of Chapter 209 of General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end of thereof the following paragraph:- Children in
- 3 custody of the state shall see their parent or parents who are imprisoned at a remote location.
- 4 Correction facilities shall have means to prove remote visitation for inmates in all cases.