

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1581**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Timothy R. Whelan and Paul F. Tucker***

*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 juvenile justice.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Messrs. Whelan of Brewster and Tucker of Salem, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1581) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to juvenile justice. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to juvenile justice.

*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 52 of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as amended by section 72 of  
2 chapter 69 of the acts of 2018, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of  
3 “Delinquent child” and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4           “Delinquent child”, a child between 12 and 18 years of age who commits any offense  
5 against a law of the Commonwealth; provided, however, that such offense shall not include a  
6 civil infraction, a violation of any municipal ordinance or town by-law or a first offense of a  
7 misdemeanor for which the punishment is a fine, imprisonment in a jail or house of correction,  
8 provided, further, that the court will make such determination prior to arraignment, for not more  
9 than 6 months or both such fine and imprisonment.