

## **Memorandum**

To: Professor Sean Kealy

From: Miguel Alvarez Jr.

RE: Legislative History Project

This memorandum is regarding the Massachusetts bill, An Act expanding access to adoption. In order to find the necessary documents, I followed the steps as suggested. I began with the procedural history of all versions of the bill available on the legislature's website. This provided me with the Senate and House versions of the bill, as well as some amendments. I then checked the Senate and House Journals to see if there was information that corresponded to the dates on the procedural history. I then moved onto collecting committee documents. I reached out to the Chief of Staff for Representative Michael Finn, the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities. I went to the State House and he provided me with the bill summary, letters of support, and an overview of the amendment that occurred on the floor. He also searched the office and reached out to the sponsors' offices and the book shop for any documents I could scan, of which there was none.

As discussed, there were no executive action documents available. The final aspect that I had to find were the press reports. This bill is so short that there were not many articles on the passage of this bill. I used google as well as going to specific Massachusetts' news sites to find articles. Some additional places I looked were Westlaw and Lexis.

Ultimately, I found all of the documents available regarding the bill itself, but there were minimal documents available.