

Hearing  
Summary

Joint  
Committee on Children and Families

05/17/2005  
- 10:30 AM - Gardner Auditorium

Committee

Members in Attendance:

HOUSE:

Rep.  
Shirley Owen-Hicks, House Chair

Rep.  
John Lepper

Rep.  
Cory Atkins

Rep.  
Vinny DeMaceda

Rep.  
Thomas Sannicandro

Rep.  
Patrick Natale

Rep.  
Deborah Blumer

SENATE:

Sen.  
Karen Spilka, Senate Chair

Bills  
Heard:

Topic:  
Disabilities

**HB2815**

**(Parente)** Relating to an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effects of privatization on the delivery of human services.

**SB64**

**(Barrios)** Relating to surveying the needs of children, adults and seniors who are visually impaired and residents of the Commonwealth.

**SB76**

**(Fargo)** Relating to an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the needs of persons with agoraphobia and related disorders.

**SB79**

**(Havern)** Relating to an investigation and study by a special commission to study the needs of the elderly blind and visually impaired citizens of the Commonwealth.

**SB112**

**(Moore)** Relating to a study of long term custodial care options for cognitively intact, physically disabled you and middle aged adults between ages 19 and 59.

**SB115**

**(Morrissey)** An act relative to ensuring the availability of family child care services.

**SB125**

**(Rosenberg)** Relating to tax exemptions for blind persons.

**SB129**

**(Spilka)** Relating to property tax credits for individuals with disabilities.

**SB132**

**(Tisei)** Relating to providing supportive living services for brain injured individuals.

**SB133**

**(Tolman)** Relating to the mentally retarded and a study.

**SB139**

**(Tolman)** Relating to the PCA workforce council.

**SB2036**

**(Menard)** Relating to authorizing the Department of Social Services to allow William and Kathryn Worthen of Abington to adopt children beyond the family unit size limit.

Testimony:

SB139

Testified  
in support:

- Rep.  
Teahan
- Rep.  
Tolman
- Celia  
A. Wcislo, SEIU local 2020 President
- John  
Carbochi
- Jun  
Yang