

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