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RE: Legislative History Project: An Act Relative to Gender Identity (Part 1 of 2)

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I started by looking up the bill summary on the state house website. I copied the notes and history and bill language. I noted that the bill was reported from the Judiciary Committee, so I looked for judiciary hearings on the Massachusetts Legislature website.

I found a hearing from June 8, 2011, available at <http://malegislature.gov/Events/EventDetail?eventId=167&eventDataSource=Hearings>. There were other hearings, but were so long ago they are no longer available on the state house website. The Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition did, however, have three videos related to the hearings on the bill on its website. Those are available at <http://www.masstpc.org/ter/testimony-video/>, <http://www.masstpc.org/ter/2011-jc-opposition-video/>, and <http://www.masstpc.org/ter/hearing-2009/>.

The House video on November 15 has discussion about the bill: It is available at <http://malegislature.gov/Events/EventDetail?eventId=252&eventDataSource=Sessions&videoSource=house&videoid=854>. Relevant parts are noted as follows:

- recess proposal was voted down at minute 187 on part 4
- the discussion on the rules/bill begins at minute 187:30 of part 4
- the discussion of Rule 7A is at about minute 215 of part 4
- other relevant discussion begins at minute 267

I then searched westlaw for any history of the enacted legislation. There were two entries in the Journal of the House on November 15, 2011 and November 16, 2011. There are also two versions of

the bill, the introduced and enacted versions. There were no notes of decisions or journals with this entry. The law is not yet in effect, so there is no legislative history in the Massachusetts General Laws.

Next, I searched for information on the State House News Service and found many relevant articles. I also gathered relevant press releases from the State House. Additionally, I gathered all relevant articles from the *Globe* and the *Herald* found on Lexis.

Inventory of Documents

Bill	2 versions, proposed and enacted
Journal of the House	2
Boston Globe	9
Boston Herald	2
Press Release	17
State House News Service	24

Note: Johnny Schreiber and I are working on the same legislative history project. I worked on the online sources and Johnny collected sources from the State House and committees.