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September 8, 2026

VIA E-MAIL ONLY

John Williams
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Re: Your Public Records Request

Dear John Williams:

I write in response to your public records request made pursuant to the Massachusetts public records law, M.G.L. c. 66, § 10, and received on August 24, 2026. In an e-mail to the Records Access Officer Mailbox, you requested copies of records from the Office of the Attorney General (AGO), specifically:

1. When the recipient first became aware of each material deficiency, recommendation, safety concern or oversight concern ultimately addressed by Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2026.
2. What OCA reports, investigations, recommendations, testimony, commission findings, child-fatality materials, audits, judicial decisions, federal findings or other governmental assessments were received, reviewed, circulated or discussed.
3. Which officials, divisions or agencies received or reviewed those materials.
4. What recommendations were accepted, rejected, deferred, modified or otherwise not implemented.
5. Which identified deficiencies could have been addressed administratively or through existing governmental authority without additional legislation.
6. Which deficiencies were understood to require legislative action and when that determination was made.
7. What documented reasons exist for the timing between identification of a deficiency and implementation of a corrective measure.
8. What incidents, investigations, fatalities, litigation, settlements, audits, judicial findings, federal findings or subsequent events materially informed the development, advancement or final enactment of the 2026 legislation.
9. What records document communications between DCF, EOHHS, the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Office of the Child Advocate and legislative officials concerning these matters.

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10. What mechanisms presently exist to independently measure whether the reforms enacted in 2026 are actually being implemented and producing measurable improvements in child safety.

Please be advised that we are still in the process of searching for records that may be responsive to your request and are subject to disclosure. Because of the amount of time necessary to complete this process, we expect to provide a further response on or before September 15, 2026, i.e., within fifteen (15) business days following the initial receipt of your request. *See* M.G.L. c. 66, § 10. However, we will let you know if additional time is necessary.

You have the right to appeal this response to the Supervisor of Records pursuant to M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A(a), and to seek judicial review of an unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in the superior court under M.G.L. c. 66, § 10A(c).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jess Instone", written in a cursive style.

Jess Instone
Assistant Attorney General
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cc: Sydney Weiser, Deputy Communications Director