

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1402**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Carolyn C. Dykema and Mary S. Keefe*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to community support for at-risk youth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1402**

---

By Representatives Dykema of Holliston and Keefe of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1402) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to providing support services to juvenile offenders and at-risk youth and their families to reduce the risk of offending or re-offending. The Judiciary.

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act relative to community support for at-risk youth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 32 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following subsection:-

4           (b) A district attorney’s community based juvenile justice program shall work with  
5 program participants to provide support services to juvenile offenders and at-risk youth and their  
6 families to reduce the risk of offending or re-offending. The office of the district attorney shall  
7 work with the schools and community representatives on development of violence prevention  
8 and intervention programs which may include implementation of restorative justice programs.

9           SECTION 2. Section 32 of Chapter 12 is hereby further amended by striking out  
10 subsection (c) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

11           (c) The offices of the district attorneys shall conduct weekly working sessions focusing  
12 on program participants. The district attorneys shall be responsible for creating, managing and  
13 updating a priority list of at-risk individuals and shall update the list as events may happen and  
14 the individual is moved through the criminal justice system. The office shall notify the legal  
15 guardian(s) of minors affected by this section.