

HOUSE No. 1705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mary S. Keefe and Carolyn C. Dykema

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 vulnerable youth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> | <i>2/16/2021</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>2/17/2021</i> |
| <i>Tami L. Gouveia</i> | <i>14th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/22/2021</i> |
| <i>Christina A. Minicucci</i> | <i>14th Essex</i> | <i>2/24/2021</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/25/2021</i> |
| <i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i> | <i>17th Worcester</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> | <i>3/15/2021</i> |
| <i>Tram T. Nguyen</i> | <i>18th Essex</i> | <i>3/3/2021</i> |

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By Representatives Keefe of Worcester and Dykema of Holliston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1705) of Mary S. Keefe, Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to community based juvenile justice programs to support school-age and vulnerable youth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to community support for vulnerable 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 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:-

4 Section 32. (a) The district attorneys in the Suffolk, Middlesex, Essex, Worcester,
5 Hampden, Hampshire/Franklin, Norfolk, Plymouth, Bristol, Cape and Islands and Berkshire
6 counties may operate community based juvenile justice programs in order to coordinate efforts to
7 support school-age and vulnerable youth.

8 (b) A district attorney's community based juvenile justice program may work with the
9 schools and community representatives on development of school safety and intervention
10 programs with the goal of supporting all students, particularly vulnerable youth.

11 (c) A district attorney's community based juvenile justice program may conduct regular
12 working sessions. No individual minor shall be discussed without prior authorization of a parent
13 or legal guardian(s).