

HOUSE No. 1725

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 to establish a Medicaid expansion task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1725) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the use of Medicaid expansion and the increase in overdose rates. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act to establish a Medicaid expansion task force.

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

1 There shall be a special commission established to investigate the effects of
2 Massachusetts’s use of Medicaid expansion and the increase in overdose rates. The
3 commission’s review shall include, but not be limited to, the following (i) current best practices
4 surrounding the opioid crisis; (ii) the administration of Medicaid, and a study into the statistical
5 differences between Medicaid expansion states and holdout states relative to the opioid crisis;
6 and (iii) the increase in insurance rates and its relation to the change in drug overdose rates from
7 2000 to 2019.

8 The commission shall consist of 10 members: the secretary of health and human services,
9 or a designee, who shall serve as the chair; the speaker of the house of representatives, or a
10 designee; the senate president, or a designee; the minority leader of the house of representatives,
11 or a designee; the minority leader of the senate, or a designee; a representative from the
12 Massachusetts Association of Health Plans; a representative from the Massachusetts Technical

13 Assistance Partnership for Prevention; a representative from the Massachusetts Medical Society;
14 a representative from the Massachusetts Health Officers Association; and a representative from
15 the Partners for a Healthier Community, Inc.

16 The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any drafts of legislation,
17 to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health,
18 and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate within 180 days of the passage of
19 this act.