

HOUSE No. 1727

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 relative to the report on substance abuse evaluations.

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>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1727) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to Department of Public Health substance abuse evaluation reports. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act relative to the report on substance abuse evaluations.

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 51 ½ of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by striking subsection (i) in its entirety and inserting
3 in place thereof the following:

4 (i) The department of public health shall annually collect, in a manner to be determined
5 by the department, the frequency and location of substance abuse evaluations ordered pursuant to
6 this section. The department of public health shall include in the report the number of persons
7 who received a substance abuse evaluation and returned to an acute care facility within the same
8 calendar year for treatment related to an opioid overdose. The department shall report such
9 information to the joint committee on health care financing, the joint committee on mental health
10 and substance abuse and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than
11 January 1, annually.