

HOUSE No. 1891

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas W. Moakley and Julian Cyr

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 providing for a study on the trial court department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/11/2025</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>

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By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1891) of Thomas W. Moakley, Julian Cyr and others that the Executive Office of the Trial Court be authorized to conduct a study on all courts located in Barnstable county, Nantucket county and the county of Dukes County. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act providing for a study on the trial court department.

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. The executive office of the trial court shall conduct a study on all of the
2 courts located in Barnstable county, Nantucket county and the county of Dukes County, which
3 shall include: (i) in consultation with the division of capital asset management and maintenance,
4 the status of all buildings, including general upkeep and their compliance with the federal
5 Americans with Disabilities Act and the Massachusetts victims' bill of rights, established
6 pursuant to section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws; and (ii) staffing levels of all
7 departments, including clerks offices, facilities, court officers, interpreter services, support staff
8 and judges, taking into consideration caseloads in comparison to courts located elsewhere in the
9 commonwealth.

10 SECTION 2. Not later than 1 year following the passage of this act, the executive office
11 of the trial court shall submit a report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate

- 12 and the joint committee on the judiciary, with the results of the study conducted pursuant to
- 13 section 1 together with recommendations for any necessary changes.