

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2297**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Daniel Cahill***

*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 violence prevention trust fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2297) of Daniel Cahill for legislation to establish a violence prevention trust fund. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to violence prevention trust fund.

*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 XXXX: Violence Prevention Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund

2 Section XXXX. To enhance violence prevention services and decrease the  
3 disproportionate impact of violence in historically marginalized populations, there shall be  
4 established and set up on the books of the Commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the  
5 Violence Prevention Federal Reinvestment Trust Fund, in this section called the fund. There  
6 shall be credited to the fund revenues equal to the amount of federal financial participation  
7 received by the Commonwealth's General Fund for expenditures for evidence-based and/or  
8 evidence-informed violence prevention services and any other federal reimbursements, grants,  
9 premiums, gifts, interest or other contributions from any source received that are specifically  
10 designated to be credited to the fund. The secretary of health and human services shall be the  
11 trustee of the fund.

12           The secretary may expend, without further appropriation: not more than \$25 million per  
13 year from the fund to expand and support evidence-based and/or evidence-informed violence  
14 prevention programming. For the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the  
15 receipt of revenues and related expenditures, the fund may incur expenses, and the comptroller  
16 shall certify for payment, amounts not to exceed the most recent revenue estimate as certified by  
17 the MassHealth director, as reported in the state accounting system. Amounts credited to the fund  
18 shall not be subject to further appropriation and monies remaining in the fund at the end of a  
19 fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in  
20 subsequent fiscal years.

21           The secretary shall report annually, on or before XXX DATE, to the house and senate  
22 committees on ways and means and the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public  
23 safety and homeland security, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on  
24 education on the revenue and expenditure activity within the trust fund.

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