

HOUSE No. 02674

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to study the need for drug rehabilitation for Department of Children and Families' clients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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10th Hampden

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Benjamin Swan

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11th Hampden

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2674) of Swan and Coakley-Rivera for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the need for drug related rehabilitation for clients of the Department of Children and Families Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 3419 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act to study the need for drug rehabilitation for Department of Children and Families' clients.

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. Pursuant to section 3 of Chapter 111E of the General Laws, there shall be placed on
2 the books of the Commonwealth a commission to study the need for drug related rehabilitation
3 for clients of the Department of Children and Families.

4 The commission shall study the need for rehabilitation, access to rehabilitation and the capacity
5 of the state's resources to provide rehabilitation to the clients of the Department of Children and
6 Families.

7 Section 2. The Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
8 the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Public Health or their

9 designee, 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2
10 members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President, 1 social worker, not currently
11 employed by the department and 2 former clients of the department appointed by the Governor.

12 Section 3. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor,
13 Speaker of the House, Senate President, Chairmen of the Committees on Ways and Means, the
14 Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Joint Committee on
15 Healthcare Financing, and the Clerks of the House and Senate no later than December 31, 2010.