

HOUSE No. 4180

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 11, 2014.

The committee on the Judiciary to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 623) of Stephen M. Brewer and Denise Andrews (by vote of the town) for legislation to request an investigation by the attorney general into the following incidents in the town of Templeton;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 634) of William N. Brownsberger, Gloria L. Fox, Denise Provost, Ruth B. Balser and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to mandatory minimum sentences related to drug offenses;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 641) of Harriette L. Chandler, William N. Brownsberger, John W. Scibak, Martha M. Walz and other members of the General Court for legislation to update public health laws;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 651) of Norma Powell for legislation to reform the judicial system;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 667) of Cynthia S. Creem, Kay Khan, Daniel A. Wolf, Jonathan Hecht and other members of the General Court for legislation to repeal mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenses;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 712) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to improve the accuracy of eyewitness identification procedures;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 769) of Mark C. Montigny, Sal N. DiDomenico, James B. Eldridge, Daniel A. Wolf and other members of the General Court for legislation to strengthen the Anti-Human Trafficking Law;

petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 798) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to rescind an order terminating parental rights;

so much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Auditor (House, No. 3) as relates to the subpoena powers of the Bureau of Special Investigations (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5);

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1195) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to the membership of the Parole Board;

joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1226) of Michael D. Brady, John F. Keenan and others for legislation to further regulate the reporting requirements of mortgages secured by residential property;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1241) of Antonio F. D. Cabral for legislation to reform title insurance;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1287) of Viriato Manuel deMacedo and others relative to clarifying procedures for the custodial protection by law enforcement and court officials of a child requiring assistance;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1370) of Danielle W. Gregoire and Kate Hogan for legislation to require persons arraigned on felony charges to submit a DNA sample;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1378) of Paul R. Heroux and Tom Sannicandro relative to the standard of proof for juvenile defendants;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1380) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to health care proxies;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1436) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers relative to the rescinding of orders terminating parental rights;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1437) of Kay Khan, Denise Andrews and Marcos A. Devers relative to court review of case plans involving child custody;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1438) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers for legislation to ensure fairness in care and protection proceedings;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1439) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to expedite the reunification of children under temporary custody with family members;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1440) of Kay Khan, Denise Andrews and Marcos A. Devers for legislation to grant the Probate and Family Court Department exclusive jurisdiction to modify or enforce orders awarding legal custody of children;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1441) of Kay Khan, Denise Andrews and Marcos A. Devers relative to the definition of custody in protection and care of children proceedings;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1442) of Kay Khan and Marcos A. Devers relative to the appointment of court investigators and the admissibility of certain reports in care and protection cases;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1443) of Kay Khan, Marcos A. Devers and Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to protect the interests of children who are subjects of restraining orders;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1444) of Kay Khan and others relative to the granting temporary or permanent custody to a parent when the other parent is deemed unfit;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1445) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to provide for the timely completion of child welfare trials;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1462) of David Paul Linsky that the Board of Bar Overseers be prohibited from assessing an annual registration fee for attorneys who retire from the practice of law;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1486) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to the use of solitary confinement in correctional facilities;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1549) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to improving the apprehension of drunk drivers and other law violators;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1597) of Tom Sannicandro, David Paul Linsky and others relative to written consent of a parent or legal guardian and counseling of minor pregnant women seeking abortions;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1630) of Ellen Story and others for legislation to further regulate the performance of abortions and protecting women's reproductive health;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1632) of Ellen Story and Lori A. Ehrlich for legislation to legalize marijuana and establish a tax on the cannabis industry;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1638) of Benjamin Swan and others for the establishment of a Massachusetts innocence commission to analyze the circumstances of innocent persons being charged, prosecuted, convicted and incarcerated;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1646) of Benjamin Swan and others for legislation to repeal mandatory minimum sentencing laws for drug offenses;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1679) of Steven M. Walsh and Robert F. Fennell relative to a penalty for the unauthorized transmission to, or interference with, a public or commercial radio station;

petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2149) of Patricia A. Haddad and others improving public safety through evidence-based community corrections supervision, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4180) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

CHRISTOPHER M. MARKEY.

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on The Judiciary be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of Senate documents numbered 623, 634, 641,
3 651, 667, 712, 769, and 798 and House documents numbered 5, 1195, 1226, 1241, 1287, 1370,
4 1378, 1380, 1436, 1437, 1438, 1439, 1440, 1441, 1442, 1443, 1444, 1445, 1462, 1486, 1549,
5 1597, 1630, 1632, 1638, 1646, 1679, and 2149, relative to the judiciary.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2014.