

HOUSE No. 4712

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 6, 2024.

The committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1964) of Ruth B. Balsler for legislation to provide that network hospitals be compensated for behavioral health services to certain MassHealth patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1965) of Ruth B. Balsler and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to quality mental health services in state correctional facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1968) of Peter Capano relative to the labeling of opioid prescriptions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1969) of Simon Cataldo, Kate Donaghue and Margaret R. Scarsdale relative to the establishment of and payments into an opioid stewardship fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1970) of Tackey Chan for legislation to develop training programs to inform prescribers of non-opioid alternative care options; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1972) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and Vanna Howard relative to expanding access to mental health services and strengthening risk assessment protocols; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1973) of Josh S. Cutler, Kathleen R. LaNatra and Vanna Howard for legislation to further enhance behavioral health workforce development; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1974) of Josh S. Cutler and Vanna Howard relative to the use of artificial intelligence in mental health services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1976) of Vincent L. Dixon for legislation to improve the quality of mental health services and rights of patients by providing for sufficient privacy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1977) of Marjorie C. Decker and Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to reporting requirements to identify and eliminate racial and sexual orientation and gender identity disparities in mental health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1978) of Marjorie C. Decker, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Bud L. Williams for legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Mental Health to have supervision over the provision of mental health services to prisoners; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 1982) of Carole A. Fiola and others relative to behavioral health workforce loan repayment eligibility; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1986) of Denise C. Garlick and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to promote safe social media use, identify best practices for social media platforms to safeguard children's mental health, and develop guidelines for safe social media use; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1987) of Colleen M. Garry relative to establishing a commission on post traumatic stress disorder; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1990) of Steven S. Howitt and Michael J. Soter relative to the issuing of the initial prescription of Schedule II controlled dangerous substances or other opioid pain relievers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1991) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to substance use disorder evaluations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1992) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to treatment for substance use disorder; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1993) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to allow for emergency hospitalization of persons suffering dangerous or violent mental illness; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1997) of Michael P. Kushmerek for legislation to further define medical necessity determinations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1998) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Mindy Domb and Vanna Howard relative to reducing the risks of unintended fatal opioid overdoses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2001) of Paul McMurtry and Vanna Howard that the Department of Mental Health be authorized to establish a program for the treatment and support of people with mental illness and brain-based disorders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2003) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to mental health and suicide prevention; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2004) of Tram T. Nguyen that the Department of Public Health establish a special task force on alcohol and drug free housing to investigate best practices for alcohol and drug free sober homes; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2008) of Smitty Pignatelli, Joan B. Lovely and others relative to the requirements and procedures necessary for first responders to provide urgent help to persons at risk of serious and deadly harm from opioids and opioid overdose; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2009) of Smitty Pignatelli and others that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services develop a pilot program to implement and study the use of fentanyl testing strips by individuals addicted to opioids and other

substances; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2010) of Orlando Ramos for legislation to establish a commission to study substance use disorder and treatment disparities in minority communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2011) of Jon Santiago and David M. Rogers for legislation to expand equity and access to patient centered care for substance abuse disorders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2013) of Chynah Tyler for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the use of roommate houses as sober homes or halfway houses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2014) of Christopher J. Worrell relative to recovery housing sober homes in environmental justice communities; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2015) of June McDonald relative to the limited sharing of medical information with the family of mentally ill patients in emergency situations, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4712) ought to be adopted. [Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable dissents.]

For the committee,

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House of Representatives,

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be
2 authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of
3 House documents numbered 1964, 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1976, 1977, 1978,
4 1982, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2010,
5 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015, relative to matters before the joint committee on mental health,
6 substance use and recovery.

7 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
8 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
9 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
10 on or before December 31, 2024.