

HOUSE No. 1383

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Heroux

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 reporting sex offender treatment program outcomes by the Commissioner of Department of Corrections and the Department of Youth Services.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i> | <i>1/18/2013</i> |
| <i>Josh S. Cutler</i> | <i>6th Plymouth</i> | |
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| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Leonard Mirra</i> | <i>2nd Essex</i> | |
| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i> | <i>29th Middlesex</i> | |
| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i> | <i>11th Plymouth</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i> | <i>16th Essex</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Brian R. Mannel</i> | <i>2nd Barnstable</i> | <i>1/31/2013</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i> | <i>5th Hampden</i> | <i>2/1/2013</i> |

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1383) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to the reporting of sex offender treatment program outcomes by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the Department of Youth Services. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to reporting sex offender treatment program outcomes by the Commissioner of Department of Corrections and the Department of Youth Services.

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. Section 16 of chapter 123A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the word “provided” the
3 following words:-, and the outcomes of treatments upon discharge from the department of
4 correction and the department of youth services. The measurement means to determine the
5 outcome measure of the programs must exceed methods including anecdote or personal
6 testimony, correlation, and pre-program / post-program measures. The outcome measurement
7 report of the programs must report on two groups, whereas persons in one group are receiving
8 the program and the persons in the other group who have not received or completed the program.
9 The two groups in the outcome measurement report must not be different along risks and needs
10 of reoffending from one another, as determined by the DOC COMPAS risk assessment tool and
11 a similar tool in the DYS, except for the presence and absence of the program. The two groups
12 reported on must include persons who have the same risks and needs to reoffend as identified by
13 the risk assessment tools. The measurement of the program must annually report on the rate of
14 recidivism for each group and if there is a statistically significant difference between the two
15 groups, or not.