

HOUSE No. 1530

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna O'Connell and James J. Dwyer

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 establishing a commission to research, assess, and develop procedures to implement a system permitting criminal offender record information requestors to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
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<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

<i>Daniel B. Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>

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By Representatives O'Connell of Taunton and Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1530) of Shaunna O'Connell, James J. Dwyer and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to criminal offender record information requestors conducting fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to establishing a commission to research, assess, and develop procedures to implement a system permitting criminal offender record information requestors to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a
2 commission to research, assess, and develop procedures to implement a system permitting
3 criminal offender record information requestors to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the
4 national criminal history databases. The commission shall establish a process for making such
5 requests, which shall be optional and made at the determination of the requestor. The
6 commission shall examine and determine the appropriate roles of the Massachusetts department
7 of criminal justice information and the state police.

8 The commission shall consist of: the secretary of the executive office of public safety and
9 security, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the chair of the sex offender registry board, or a
10 designee; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
11 minority leader; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; a
12 representative of the state police; and 3 persons to be appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall
13 be representatives of distinct victims' rights advocacy groups, and 1 whom shall be a
14 representative of an advocacy group which serves developmentally disabled individuals.

15 The commission shall commence within 2 weeks of the effective date of this act. The
16 commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, together with drafts

17 of legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks
18 of the senate and house on or before June 30, 2013.