

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 84**

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**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 adoption 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:

*Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera*

*10th Hampden*

*Benjamin Swan*

*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 84) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan 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. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2674 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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, as appearing in the  
2 2010 Official Edition, there shall be placed on the books of the Commonwealth a commission to  
3 study the need for drug related rehabilitation for clients of the Department of Children and  
4 Families.

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

8           Section 2. The Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human  
9 Services, the Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Public Health or  
10 their designee, 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
11 House, 2 members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate President, 1 social worker, not  
12 currently employed by the department and 2 former clients of the department appointed by the  
13 Governor.

14           Section 3. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
15 Governor, Speaker of the House, Senate President, Chairmen of the Committees on Ways and

16 Means, the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Joint  
17 Committee on Healthcare Financing, and the Clerks of the House and Senate no later than  
18 December 31, 2014.