

HOUSE No. 1471

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Lyons, Jr.

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 establishing a commission to investigate the rigged hiring system at the Probation Department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>9/23/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lyons of Andover, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1471) of James J. Lyons, Jr., and Shaunna L. O’Connell for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the hiring system of the Probation Department. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing a commission to investigate the rigged hiring system at the Probation Department.

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. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section
2 69, the following section:-

3 Section 70. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be
4 an independent commission to study and report on the rigged hiring system that was allowed to
5 exist at the Probation Department. The commission shall consist of: the inspector general, or a
6 designee; the attorney general, or a designee; the state auditor, or a designee; 2 members of the
7 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader, and shall act as
8 chair; and 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader. Said
9 Commission shall investigate how the “rigged hiring system” allowed to operate unabated for
10 almost a decade, what the cost of the rigged hiring system was the taxpayers, whether the hiring
11 practices implemented at the ELMO facility in Clinton were standard throughout the entire

12 probation department, and why Probation Department employees were reluctant to expose the
13 rigged hiring system that existed for almost a decade.

14 (b) Said report shall be filed with to the chair and ranking minority member of the house
15 committee on ways and means, the chair and ranking minority member of the senate committee
16 on ways and means, and the clerks of the House of Representatives and senate no later than
17 October 15, 2016.”