

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1815**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Tom Sannicandro and Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 providing opportunity for youth with substance abuse needs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/21/2015</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/29/2015</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2020</i>

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By Representatives Sannicandro of Ashland and Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1815) of Tom Sannicandro and others relative to youth substance abuse needs. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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

An Act providing opportunity for youth with substance abuse needs.

*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. To provide for improvements to substance abuse recovery services in the  
2 commonwealth in fiscal year 2015, the sums set forth in section XY are hereby appropriated  
3 from the General Fund for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in this act  
4 and subject to laws regulating the disbursement of public funds; provided, however, that  
5 notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, appropriations made herein shall not  
6 revert and shall be available for expenditure until June 30, 2016.

7 SECTION 2. 7035-XXXX For reimbursements to cities, towns, and regional school  
8 districts for the cost of transportation of resident pupils as required by subsection (f) of section  
9 91 of chapter 71 of the General Laws; provided, that the commonwealth’s obligation shall not  
10 exceed the amount appropriated in this item ..... \$1,200,000

11 SECTION 3. Section 91 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
12 the following new subsection:-

13           (f) A municipality wherein a student resides who is admitted to a Recovery High School ,  
14 shall, when necessary, provide for the transportation of such student, and shall, subject to  
15 appropriation, be entitled to state reimbursement to the full extent of the amount expended. Such  
16 municipality shall not be required to pay, but is not barred from paying, for any eligible student  
17 to be transported in a manner that requires the student to remain in the vehicle for more than one  
18 hour each way.