

SENATE No. 819

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 dangerousness hearings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 819) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jennifer E. Benson, Michael O. Moore, Kimberly N. Ferguson and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to dangerousness hearings. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 735 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to dangerousness hearings.

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. Subsection (4) of section 58A of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following sentence
3 in lines 100 to 102: - "The hearing shall be held immediately upon the person's first appearance
4 before the court unless that person, or the attorney for the commonwealth, seeks a continuance."