HOUSE No. 3132

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy R. Whelan

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 pre-trial services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	1/20/2017
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	1/30/2017
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex	2/2/2017
James M. Cantwell	4th Plymouth	2/1/2017
William L. Crocker, Jr.	2nd Barnstable	1/23/2017
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/1/2017
Eileen M. Donoghue	First Middlesex	2/3/2017
Shawn Dooley	9th Norfolk	1/30/2017
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	2/1/2017
Kimberly N. Ferguson	1st Worcester	2/2/2017
Susan Williams Gifford	2nd Plymouth	1/31/2017
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	2/2/2017
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	1/31/2017
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/2/2017
Robert M. Koczera	11th Bristol	1/31/2017
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	2/1/2017
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	2/1/2017
Rady Mom	18th Middlesex	2/2/2017

Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable	2/1/2017
Elizabeth A. Poirier	14th Bristol	2/2/2017
David T. Vieira	3rd Barnstable	2/2/2017

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By Mr. Whelan of Brewster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3132) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to pre-trial services. The Judiciary.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act relative to pre-trial services.

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 211F of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 3 the following new section:-
- 3 Section 3A. (a) Participation in a pretrial services program may be ordered by the court,
- 4 in lieu of bail or as a condition of release consistent with sections 57, 58 and 58A of chapter 276.
- 5 The court may dictate the duration and conditions of the pretrial services program. Any
- 6 conditions should be imposed to ensure the return of the defendant to court. Successful
- 7 completion of an imposed pretrial services program shall provide for deduction in time from the
- 8 sentence imposed by the court, if a person is convicted of the offense for which the pretrial
- 9 services program was imposed. Such deduction shall not exceed more than 5 days per program
- or activity for each month while said prisoner is partaking in any of the said programs or
- activities; provided, however, that in no event shall said deduction exceed a maximum monthly
- total of 10 days.

- (b) The probation department may utilize pretrial services programs for pretrial
 supervision consistent with sections 87 and 87A of chapter 276, upon agreement by the person
 before the court who is charged with an offense or crime.
- 16 (c) An individual held in jail may be released to probation to enter a pretrial services
 17 program upon the agreement of the commissioner of probation and the sheriff who has custody
 18 of the individual.
- (d) Placement of an individual in a pretrial services program shall require victim
 notification as required under subsection (t) of section 3 of chapter 258B.