

HOUSE No. 3257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dean Campbell

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 enhancing municipal police training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>

<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mrs. Campbell of Methuen, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3257) of Linda Dean Campbell and others for legislation to authorize municipal police training committee and the creation of crisis intervention team programs. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to enhancing municipal police training.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 19 of the of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 24 the
2 following section:-

3 "Section 25.

4 (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:-

5 "Crisis Intervention Team program" is a 40 hour evidence based mental health and
6 substance use crisis response training program for municipal police officers.

7 (b) The Municipal Police Training Committee ("MPTC") shall have as a goal that every
8 municipal police force has 25% of their officers trained in the Crisis Intervention Team program
9 that are available to respond to emergency needs . The MPTC shall accomplish this and the
10 following in collaboration with the department of mental health ("DMH") and the national
11 alliance on mental illness ("NAMI Mass").

12 (c) Subject to appropriation, the first year will include a planning process involving all
13 the above-named parties and chaired by representatives of DMH and MPTC. The purpose of the
14 collaboration shall be to conduct activities in furtherance of its primary mission, which shall
15 include: (i) serving as a clearinghouse for best practices in police response to people with mental
16 illness and substance use disorders; (ii) developing and implementing robust crisis intervention
17 training curricula for all veteran and new recruit municipal police officers; (iii) providing
18 technical assistance to cities and towns to develop collaborative partnerships between law
19 enforcement and human services providers that maximize referrals to treatment services; and (iv)
20 establishing metrics for success and evaluation of outcomes of these programs.

21 (d) The MPTC will ensure that each training opportunity provides the highest quality
22 evidence-based curriculum, by carrying out the following roles: (i) develop and maintain
23 curriculum that is high quality and up-to-date with the latest research on best practices in
24 community policing; (ii) recruit and support trainers who are professionals working in the fields
25 of criminal justice and behavioral health; (iii) conduct research on effectiveness and best
26 practices of training and other programs; (iv) ensure that trainings are targeted to meet specific
27 local needs of cities and towns and within regions; (v) support police departments in
28 implementing improved behavioral health responses through responsive policies and procedures
29 and partnerships with local resources; and, (vi) provide reimbursement for trainers to ensure
30 recruitment and retention of high quality trainers.

31 (e) The MPTC will ensure quality and consistency of behavioral health response efforts
32 across the Commonwealth; conduct research and evaluation to establish best practices in the
33 field; and serve as a training and technical assistance resource to other workforces to increase
34 expertise in responding to behavioral health issues, such as the state police, the transit police,

35 campus police, hospital police and security forces, the judiciary, probation, parole, and county
36 and state corrections, subject to appropriation necessary to carry out this subsection.

37 (f) There shall be an oversight committee for the collaboration between the MPTC, DMH
38 and NAMI Mass. to ensure that the training provides the most recent and highest quality
39 curriculum based on best practices in community policing. The committee shall review annually
40 the curriculum and programming to ensure that trainings are targeted to meet specific local needs
41 of cities and towns and within regions. The Committee shall consist of not less than 5 members,
42 one to be appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, one to be appointed by the
43 Secretary of Public Safety and Security, one to be appointed by NAMI Mass, one to be appointed
44 by the Speaker of the House, one to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and the
45 committee shall be chaired by the member appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and
46 Security.

47 The committee shall provide to the legislature an annual report including: (i) narrative
48 and statistical information about service demand, delivery and cost, and identified service gaps
49 during the prior year; (ii) the effectiveness of the services delivered during the prior year; (iii)
50 review of research analyzed or conducted during the prior year; and (iv) any legislative
51 recommendations deemed necessary to improve the delivery of services. The report shall be
52 submitted by February 1st to the general court by filing it with the clerks of the senate and the
53 house of representatives, the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse, the joint
54 committee on public safety and homeland security, and the senate and the house committees on
55 ways and means.