

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 843**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Heroux***

*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 the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 843) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to the reporting of recidivism reducing program outcomes by the Department of Correction. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1369 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 124 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 41, by inserting after the word “department;” the  
3 following words:- and annually report on the outcomes on recidivism of programs of  
4 rehabilitation of inmates upon discharge from the department of correction identified in  
5 paragraph (e). The report must identify a program group and a proper control group, and report  
6 on the rate of recidivism for each group, and report if there is or is not a statistically significant  
7 difference between the two groups.