HOUSE No. 953

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Byron Rushing

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 collection, accuracy and public availability of arrest data.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk	1/19/2017
Frank A. Moran	17th Essex	
Adrian Madaro	1st Suffolk	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex	
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex	
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	
Smitty Pignatelli	4th Berkshire	
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	
José F. Tosado	9th Hampden	
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	

Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	
Evandro C. Carvalho	5th Suffolk	•
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	•
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex	•
Solomon Goldstein-Rose	3rd Hampshire	
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	
Daniel J. Ryan	2nd Suffolk	
Russell E. Holmes	6th Suffolk	
Michael S. Day	31st Middlesex	
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	
Linda Dorcena Forry	First Suffolk	
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk	
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	
Stephan Hay	3rd Worcester	
Carlos González	10th Hampden	

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By Mr. Rushing of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 953) of Byron Rushing and others relative to the collection and public availability of crime and arrest data. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act relative to the collection, accuracy and public availability of arrest data.

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

- SECTION 1. Section 167A of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the phrase "chapter 66", at line 108, the
- 3 following:
- 4 (i) The department shall obtain data concerning arrests, consistent with the National
- 5 Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the
- 6 United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation, from
- 7 (A) the Massachusetts State Police;
- 8 (B) the Massachusetts bay transportation authority police force;
- 9 (C) each law enforcement authority, as defined by section 1 of chapter 22A of the
- 10 General Laws;

(D) each law enforcement council, created by contract between or among cities and towns, pursuant to section 4 of chapter 40 of the General Laws; and

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(E) each entity employing one or more special state police officers, as defined in section 63 of chapter 22C of the General Laws;

and shall transmit that data to the chief information officer at the Massachusetts Office of Information Technology. Any law enforcement authority or other entity described in clauses (C), (D) and (E) that does not submit to the Criminal Justice Information System data consistent with NIBRS as of the effective date of this act shall be required to begin submitting the arrest data required under this act beginning on or before January 1, 2021. The department shall obtain arrest data on a quarterly basis, and shall submit the data to the Office of Information Technology on a quarterly basis. The department shall promulgate regulations concerning the format for the submission of arrest data; the categories and types of arrest data required to be submitted to the department, which shall include for each arrest (a) the name of the arresting authority, (b) the incident number, (c) the alleged offense, (d) the date and time of the arrest, (e) the location of the arrest, and (f) the race, gender and age of the arrestee; a description of categories of data which constitute personally identifiable information, including but not limited to names and dates of birth of individual arrestees, which data shall not be posted or made available to the public; and schedules for the submission, transmission, and publication of the data.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 7D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "agencies", in line 32, the following:

(xii) maintain a page on the commonwealth's official website, open to the public through the Massachusetts open data portal, providing data, as transmitted by the department of criminal justice information services, concerning arrests, as reported by Massachusetts state, municipal and other law enforcement agencies as part of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program of the United States Department of Justice Federal Bureau of Investigation.