

HOUSE No. 122

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tami L. Gouveia and Liz Miranda

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 to establish a working group on adverse childhood experiences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2019</i>
<i>Carmin Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Representatives Gouveia of Acton and Miranda of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Tami L. Gouveia, Liz Miranda and others relative to establishing a working group on adverse childhood experiences and childhood trauma. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to establish a working group on adverse childhood experiences.

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. There shall be a working group on matters related to Adverse Childhood
2 Experiences in Massachusetts for the purpose of identifying needs and resources to address
3 childhood trauma, as well as to identify the gaps in response, prevention, and resiliency-building
4 in those who experience childhood trauma. The group shall be comprised of fifteen diverse
5 members across the Commonwealth.

6 The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall recommend
7 one member from the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Children and Families,
8 and the Office of the Child Advocate. Members appointed in this manner shall have
9 demonstrated expertise in program assessment, children’s development, childhood trauma and
10 knowledge of community and statewide initiatives to support children’s growth and development
11 into healthy, thriving adults. The Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary
12 Education shall appoint one member. Three members shall be appointed by three different

13 organizations that serve children who have experienced trauma; one of these organizations shall
14 serve Western Massachusetts, one shall serve Central Massachusetts, and one shall serve Eastern
15 Massachusetts.

16 Prior to installation of the Commission, the Executive Office of Health and Human
17 Services shall examine the recommended list of committee members to ensure statewide
18 representation, adequate expertise in terms of quantitative, qualitative, data gathering, and lived
19 experience.

20 The group shall (i) identify by service area existing intervention programs for children
21 and families and those populations served by each program, including the effectiveness of
22 identified programs (ii) determine whether there are any statewide, regional, socio-economic
23 gaps in services for intervention on behalf of children and families (iii) assess previous and
24 ongoing initiatives within the state pertaining to childhood trauma, including any gains achieved
25 (iv) consider, if necessary, a legislative proposal that targets the use of evidence-based
26 interventions for children and families based upon the strengths and weaknesses of existing
27 services; (v) determine the fiscal impact and staffing needs related to any changes to state
28 services proposed by the group, including those that affect public schools.

29 The group shall hold its first meeting within 90 days from the effective date of this act.
30 The group shall issue a final report containing findings and legislative recommendations with the
31 House Clerk and House Senate on or before January 15th, 2021.