

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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 reducing recidivism and promoting family relationships during incarceration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	1/17/2019
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	1/25/2019
Joseph A. Boncore	First Suffolk and Middlesex	1/30/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/1/2019
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	1/30/2019
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	1/30/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/31/2019
Nika C. Elugardo	15th Suffolk	2/2/2019
Carlos González	10th Hampden	1/24/2019
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	2/1/2019
Russell E. Holmes	6th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	1/30/2019
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	1/31/2019
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	1/31/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/29/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/1/2019

Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Joan Meschino	3rd Plymouth	1/30/2019
Liz Miranda	5th Suffolk	1/30/2019
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	1/30/2019
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	1/30/2019
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	2/1/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	2/1/2019
José F. Tosado	9th Hampden	1/25/2019
Chynah Tyler	7th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Tommy Vitolo	15th Norfolk	1/30/2019

By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3379) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to promoting family relationships during incarceration by providing for training for correctional officers. The Judiciary.

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

An Act reducing recidivism and promoting family relationships during incarceration.

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

Section 36C of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 92 of chapter 69
of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following
paragraphs:-

Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, every guard, corrections officer and employee of a correctional institution, jail or house of correction shall attend a training session and receive educational information regarding: (1) the importance of ongoing visitation to individuals who are incarcerated as related to reducing recidivism, violence and increasing successful re-entry; and (2) the importance of civility and respectful conduct toward family members and other members of the public who visit individuals who are incarcerated so as to encourage visitation on a regular basis while maintaining security.

Training materials and educational information shall be developed in consultation with
representatives of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, Prisoners

- 13 Legal Services, the Criminal Justice Reform Caucus, ex-prisoners community based
- 14 organizations, and community based re-entry programs. Prior to implementation, the training
- 15 materials shall be submitted to the joint committee on the judiciary and the joint committee on
- 16 public safety and homeland security.