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Steven T. James, House Clerk
Office of the Clerk of the House
State House, Room 145
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017, in Section 57, amended GL. ch. 123 §35 to require the Commissioner of Mental Health to report annually whether a facility other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater (MASAC) is being used for treatment of males committed to MASAC under Section 35, and the number of persons so committed to such a facility in the previous year.

Although the Department of Mental Health does not maintain this information, I have inquired of the Department of Correction (DOC), and have received the following information:

- For calendar year 2019, the Department of Corrections reports that 1,029 men were admitted to MASAC at Plymouth. Of this number, 932 men were admitted under "straight" Section 35 orders and 97 were under both Section 35 and bail orders in connection with criminal matters.
- Further for calendar year 2019, the Department of Corrections reports that 614 men were admitted to the Hampden County House of Correction unit. Of this number, 539 men were admitted under "straight" Section 35 orders and 75 were under both Section 35 and bail orders in connection with criminal matters.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Correction if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Mikula".

Joan Mikula
Commissioner

cc: Carol A. Mici, Commissioner
Department of Correction