

SENATE No. 1155

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 establishing a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/11/2019</i>

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1155) of John F. Keenan, Patrick M. O'Connor and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation to establish a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act establishing a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a
2 commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to study the
3 availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder. The commission
4 shall review: (i) the availability of detoxification services, clinical stabilization services,
5 transitional support services, residential recovery home services and outpatient treatment
6 including medication assisted treatment and (ii) make an assessment of what the appropriate
7 capacity should be for each level of care to allow individuals to efficiently access each level of
8 care as clinically necessary.

9 The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the committee on mental
10 health, substance use and recovery, who shall serve as co-chairs; a member appointed by the
11 speaker of the house of representatives; a member appointed by the senate president; the

12 minority leader of the house, or a designee; the minority leader of the senate, or a designee; the
13 secretary of the office of health and human services, or a designee; the assistant secretary for
14 masshealth; the commissioner of the department of public health, or a designee; the
15 commissioner of the department of mental health, or a designee; the commissioner of the
16 division of insurance, or a designee; and one from each of the following: Association for
17 Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.; Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery; the
18 Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association; the Massachusetts Medical Society; Recovery
19 Homes Collaborative; Learn to Cope; the Grayken Center; the Massachusetts Association of
20 Health Plans; and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

21 Annually, not later than March 1, the commission shall file a report with the house and
22 senate clerks on its activities and any recommendations. The commission shall monitor the
23 implementation of its recommendations.