

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1155**

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**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)**  
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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.