

SENATE No. 1377

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 reduce recidivism and promote family relationships during incarceration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/4/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/22/2019</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1377) of Harriette L. Chandler, Elizabeth A. Malia, James B. Eldridge, Joseph A. Boncore and other members of the General Court for legislation to reduce recidivism and promote family relationships during incarceration. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act to reduce recidivism and promote 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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 36C of Chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting this paragraph at the end: -

3 Every guard, corrections officer and employee of a correctional institution, jail or house
4 of correction shall be required to attend a training session and receive educational information
5 on: (1) the importance of ongoing visitation to individuals who are incarcerated as related to
6 reducing recidivism, violence and increasing successful re-entry; and (2) the importance of
7 civility and respectful conduct toward family members and other members of the public who
8 visit individuals who are incarcerated so as to encourage visitation on a regular basis while
9 maintaining security. Training materials and educational information shall be developed in
10 consultation with representatives of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Women’s Bar
11 Association, Prisoners Legal Services, the Criminal Justice Reform Caucus, ex-prisoners
12 community based organizations, and community based re-entry programs; and prior to

- 13 implementation shall be submitted to the joint committee on the judiciary and the joint
- 14 committee on public safety and homeland security.