

SENATE No. 1465

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Dean A. Tran

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 creating the police station building assistance program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1465) of Dean A. Tran and Michael O. Moore for legislation to create the police station building assistance program. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act creating the police station building assistance program.

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

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 22E the following
2 chapter:-

3 CHAPTER 22F.

4 POLICE STATION BUILDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created a body politic and corporate and a public
6 instrumentality to be known as the Massachusetts Police Station Building Authority, which shall
7 be an independent public authority not subject to the supervision and control of any other
8 executive office, department, commission, board, bureau, agency or political subdivision of the
9 commonwealth except as specifically provided in any general or special law. The exercise by the
10 authority of the powers conferred by this chapter shall be considered to be the performance of an
11 essential public function.

12 (b) The authority shall consist of the state treasurer, who shall serve as chairperson, the
13 secretary of administration and finance, the secretary of the executive office of public safety and
14 security, and 4 additional members appointed by the state treasurer, 2 of whom shall have
15 practical experience in police station facilities planning, police station construction, or
16 architecture and police station design, and 2 of whom shall be persons in the field of law
17 enforcement, each of whom shall serve a term of 2 years; but, a person appointed to fill a
18 vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. An appointed member of the authority shall be
19 eligible for reappointment. The authority shall annually elect 1 of its

20 members to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the authority serving ex officio
21 may appoint a designee pursuant to section 6A of chapter 30.

22 (c) Four members of the authority shall constitute a quorum, and the affirmative vote of 4
23 members of the authority shall be necessary and sufficient for any action taken by the authority.
24 No vacancy in the membership of the authority shall impair the right of a quorum to exercise all
25 the rights and duties of the authority. Members shall serve without pay but shall be reimbursed
26 for actual expenses necessarily

27 incurred in the performance of their duties. The chairperson of the authority shall report
28 to the governor and to the general court no less than annually, to assist the executive and
29 legislative branches in coordinating public safety and fiscal policies of the commonwealth.

30 (d) Any action of the authority may take effect immediately and need not be published or
31 posted unless otherwise provided by law. The authority shall be subject to all provisions of
32 chapter 30A, and records pertaining to the administration of the authority shall be subject to

33 section 42 of chapter 30 and section 10 of chapter 66. All moneys of the authority shall be
34 considered to be public funds for purposes of
35 chapter 12A. The operations of the authority shall be subject to chapter 268A and chapter
36 268B and all other operational or administrative standards or requirements to the same extent as
37 the office of the state treasurer.