

HOUSE No. 123

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 123) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to provide for an investigation by a special task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the use of the Internet by sex offenders. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders.

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. The joint committee on public safety and homeland security shall convene
2 a task force to report on electronic communications and the feasibility of tracking sex offender
3 internet use, via methods including but not limited to: (1) internet protocol addresses, (2) media
4 access control addresses, (3) internet service providers, (4) electronic mail, and (5) instant
5 messaging. The task force’s study shall address, but not be limited to, the following areas: (1)
6 current laws and regulations; (2) other states laws, regulations, and efforts; (3) the feasibility of
7 registration of sex offenders’ online addresses; and (4) relevant civil liberties issues.

8 SECTION 2. (a) The task force shall consist of 14 members: the house and senate chairs
9 of the joint committee on telecommunications, utilities, and energy, one member of the
10 committee to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and one member of the
11 committee to be appointed by the minority leader of the house; the house and senate chairs of the
12 joint committee on public safety and homeland security, one member of the committee to be

13 appointed by the minority leader of the senate, and one member of the committee to be appointed
14 by the minority leader of the house; one member of the state police, to be appointed by the
15 colonel of the state police; one licensed attorney, with experience in civil rights' cases, to be
16 appointed by the attorney general; and four experts to be appointed by the commissioners of the
17 department of public utilities upon a majority vote, provided two of the experts have had
18 significant knowledge of a private telecommunications company.

19 The task force may consult with other government agencies, both federal and state, as
20 well as members of the telecommunication community.

21 SECTION 3. The task force shall submit a report, including any draft legislation and
22 regulations to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security within 12 months of
23 the enactment of this Act.”