

SENATE No. 1289

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 examine methamphetamine use in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John F. Keenan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1289) of John F. Keenan for legislation to establish a commission to examine methamphetamine use in the Commonwealth. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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

An Act establishing a commission to examine methamphetamine use in the Commonwealth.

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 to explore and make recommendations regarding methamphetamine usage in the
3 Commonwealth.

4 The commission shall consist of 15 members: the secretary of health and human services
5 or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of public health or a designee; the
6 house and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery or
7 their designees; a representative from the Massachusetts Medical Society; a representative from
8 the Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc.; a representative of the Massachusetts
9 Chiefs of Police Association Incorporated; a representative from the Fire Chiefs Association of
10 Massachusetts; a representative from the Massachusetts Ambulance Association; a representative
11 from Boston Emergency Medical Services; a representative from the New England High
12 Intensity Drug Trafficking Area; a representative from the Association for Behavioral

13 Healthcare; and 3 members appointed by the secretary, 1 of whom shall be a person with a
14 substance use disorder, 1 of whom shall be a clinician with experience providing care to
15 individuals with a stimulant use disorder and 1 of whom shall be a clinician with experience
16 providing care to LGBTQ individuals. In making appointments, the secretary shall, to the
17 maximum extent feasible, ensure that the commission represents a broad distribution of diverse
18 perspectives and geographic regions.

19 The commission shall: (i) create aggregate demographic and geographic profiles of
20 individuals who use methamphetamines, including identifying populations most vulnerable to
21 use; (ii) examine the current availability of, and barriers to, providing treatment to individuals
22 with a stimulant use disorder; (iii) examine existing efforts undertaken by healthcare providers
23 and the existing body of research around best practices for treating individuals with a stimulant
24 use disorders, including but not limited to, how to create safe and therapeutic environments in
25 inpatient and outpatient healthcare settings; (iv) examine existing efforts undertaken by
26 emergency medical service providers, law enforcement officials and the existing body of
27 research on best practices when interacting with individuals with a stimulant use disorder,
28 including but not limited to, how to de-escalate situations and provide safety and security
29 guidance to health care facilities and local police officers; (v) examine the source, quantity,
30 potency, and pathways to local areas of illicit methamphetamine and related substances and
31 products; and (vi) other matters deemed appropriate by the commission.

32 The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the senate
33 and the house of representatives, the joint committee on mental health, substance use and
34 recovery, the joint committee on public health, the joint committee of public safety and the
35 senate and house committees on ways and means not later than September 1, 2021. The secretary

36 shall also make the report publicly available on the executive office of health and human
37 services' website.