

SENATE No. 1316

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i> | |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>3/1/2021</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>3/9/2021</i> |
| <i>Susan L. Moran</i> | <i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i> | <i>3/16/2021</i> |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i> | <i>11th Worcester</i> | <i>3/16/2021</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> | <i>3/16/2021</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>5/7/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1316) of John C. Velis, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Michael O. Moore, Susan L. Moran and other members of the General Court for legislation establishing 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-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act establishing a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons.

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: (i) review the availability of detoxification services, clinical stabilization services,
5 transitional support services, emergency care services, residential recovery home services, and
6 outpatient treatment including medication assisted treatment and (ii) make an assessment of what
7 the appropriate capacity should be for each level of care to allow individuals to efficiently access
8 each level of 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.