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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher Richard Flanagan

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 relative to broadening the scope for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Christopher Richard Flanagan	*1st Barnstable*	*1/19/2023*

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By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3833) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to technical assistance for municipalities through the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to broadening the scope for Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11 of chapter 21N of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(a) The secretary shall develop and support a municipal vulnerability preparedness grant program. The program shall consist of: (i) financial assistance to municipalities to complete a community-led resilience building process and vulnerability assessment that enables climate change information and adaptation actions to be directly incorporated into existing municipal plans, policies and spending programs; (ii) technical planning guidance and assistance for municipalities; (iii) a statewide catalogue of municipal climate vulnerabilities and impacts identified through the assessment process that may be incorporated into the state plan; and (iv) support for implementation projects to address vulnerabilities.

SECTION 2. Said section 11 of said chapter 21N, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

(d) The secretary shall develop and implement metrics to assess the success of the grant program established in this section.