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October 21, 2024

Steven T. James, Clerk
Clerk of the House of Representatives
State House, Room 142
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Chapter 47 of the Acts of 2017, in Section 57, amended M.G.L. ch.123 §35 to require the Commissioner of Mental Health to report annually whether a facility other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater is being used for treatment of males committed to Massachusetts Alcohol and Substance Abuse Center (MASAC) under Section 35, and the number of persons so committed to such a facility in the previous year. Although the Department of Mental Health does not maintain this information, I have received the following information from the Department of Correction (DOC):

For calendar year 2023, the DOC reports that 575 men were admitted to MASAC at Plymouth. Of this number, 421 men were admitted under "straight" Section 35 orders and 152 were under both Section 35 and bail orders in connection with criminal matters. Additionally, there were 2 admissions in which the individual had a pending criminal charge but no custody status. As of December 12, 2022, the Memorandum of Understanding between DOC and Hampden County regarding Stonybrook has been terminated, as Stonybrook's substance use disorder treatment program was approved by DPH pursuant to 103 CMR 164 on November 11, 2022. Accordingly, DOC does not have Stonybrook's numbers for 2023.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brooke Doyle".

Brooke Doyle, M.Ed., LMHC
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Cc: Shawn Jenkins, Interim Commissioner, Department of Corrections



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State House, Room 335
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To the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security
State House, Room 167
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Committee:

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To the Joint Committee on the Judiciary
State House, Room 136
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Committee:

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