

SENATE No. 1567

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special commission to study technology to monitor and protect individuals in law enforcement custody.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael O. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Worcester

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1567) of Michael O. Moore that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission to study technology to monitor and protect individuals in law enforcement custody. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1625 OF 2021-2022.]

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

Resolve establishing a special commission to study technology to monitor and protect individuals in law enforcement custody.

1 **Resolved**, there shall be a special commission which shall make an investigation and
2 study of technology to monitor and protect the health and safety of people in custody; during
3 arrest, transport, detention and incarceration. The commission shall study (i) technology that
4 continuously monitors vital signs and motion of individuals in custody to detect potential danger;
5 (ii) the ability of technology to detect common causes of injuries and deaths in custody,
6 including but not limited to positional asphyxia, excited delirium, suicide, drug overdoses, and
7 falls; (iii) situational uses of such technology, including use of force arrests and mental health
8 crises; (iv) during which processes such technology may be applicable, including arrest,
9 transport, booking, detention, and incarceration; (v) using technology to monitor and report on
10 in-custody health or safety incidents; (vi) safeguards to protect the privacy and rights of

11 individuals being monitored; (vii) cost assessments of the implementing the technology and of
12 the civil liability and social impacts of in-custody injuries or deaths in the Commonwealth.

13 The special commission shall be comprised of the following members: the chair of the
14 municipal police training committee, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner
15 of the department of corrections, or a designee; the president of the Massachusetts sheriff's
16 association, or a designee; the attorney general of Massachusetts, or a designee; the executive
17 director of prisoner legal services of Massachusetts, or a designee; the executive director of
18 ACLU Massachusetts or a designee; and two members appointed by the governor, one of whom
19 shall be a medical professional with experience treating individuals in custody, and one of whom
20 shall be an expert on prisoner mental health.

21 The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations to the clerks of the senate
22 and the house of representatives, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the
23 executive office of public safety, and the municipal police training committee, no later than
24 January 1, 2024.