

HOUSE No. 1797

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 special legislative commission to study the use of IVRs and other strategies by social media platforms.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i> | <i>20th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
| <i>Paul K. Frost</i> | <i>7th Worcester</i> | <i>1/31/2025</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> | <i>3/10/2025</i> |
| <i>Kelly W. Pease</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> | <i>3/24/2025</i> |

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1797) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation and study by a special legislative commission (including members of the General Court) to study the use of IVRs and other strategies by social media platforms. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing a special legislative commission to study the use of IVRs and other strategies by social media platforms.

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. There shall be established a special legislative commission to study the use
2 of intermittent variable rewards and other strategies by social media platforms. The
3 commission’s study shall include, but not be limited to, the use of intermittent variable rewards
4 as a psychologically manipulative tool to prolong adolescent users’ time spent on social media
5 platforms.

6 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of: the chairs of the joint committee on the
7 judiciary, who shall serve as co-chairs, ; 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of
8 representatives; 1 member appointed by the president of the senate; 1 member appointed by the
9 minority leader of the house of representatives; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of
10 the senate; the commissioner of mental health or their designee, the secretary of public health or
11 their designee, and the attorney general or their designee.

12 SECTION 3. The commission shall submit its report, along with any recommendations,
13 to the clerk's office of the house of representatives and the senate no later than 1 year after the
14 passage of this act.