

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1891**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas W. Moakley and Julian Cyr*

*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 providing for a study on the trial court department.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas W. Moakley</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/11/2025</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/5/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>

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By Representative Moakley of Falmouth and Senator Cyr, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1891) of Thomas W. Moakley, Julian Cyr and others that the Executive Office of the Trial Court be authorized to conduct a study on all courts located in Barnstable county, Nantucket county and the county of Dukes County. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing for a study on the trial court department.

*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. The executive office of the trial court shall conduct a study on all of the  
2 courts located in Barnstable county, Nantucket county and the county of Dukes County, which  
3 shall include: (i) in consultation with the division of capital asset management and maintenance,  
4 the status of all buildings, including general upkeep and their compliance with the federal  
5 Americans with Disabilities Act and the Massachusetts victims’ bill of rights, established  
6 pursuant to section 3 of chapter 258B of the General Laws; and (ii) staffing levels of all  
7 departments, including clerks offices, facilities, court officers, interpreter services, support staff  
8 and judges, taking into consideration caseloads in comparison to courts located elsewhere in the  
9 commonwealth.

10           SECTION 2. Not later than 1 year following the passage of this act, the executive office  
11 of the trial court shall submit a report to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate

- 12 and the joint committee on the judiciary, with the results of the study conducted pursuant to
- 13 section 1 together with recommendations for any necessary changes.