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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marcus S. Vaughn

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 increased data collection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Marcus S. Vaughn	*9th Norfolk*	*1/16/2025*

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By Representative Vaughn of Wrentham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 192) of Marcus S. Vaughn relative to increased data collection in research agenda of public health impacts of cannabis. Cannabis Policy.

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

An Act relative to increased data collection.

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 17 of chapter 94G of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking clause (a) and inserting in place thereof the following:

(a) The commission shall develop a research agenda in order to understand the social and economic trends of marijuana in the commonwealth, to inform future decisions that would aid in the closure of the illicit marketplace and to inform the commission on the public health impacts of marijuana. The research agenda shall include, but not be limited to: (i) patterns of use, methods of consumption, sources of purchase and general perceptions of marijuana among minors, among college and university students and among adults; (ii) incidents of impaired driving, hospitalization and use of other health care services related to marijuana use, including a report of the state of the science around identifying a quantifiable level of marijuana-induced impairment of motor vehicle operation and a report on the financial impacts on the state healthcare system of hospitalizations related to marijuana; (iii) marijuana-related Emergency

13 Department visits and hospitalizations including but not limited to those accessing psychiatric
14 emergency services and care for cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome; (iv) prevalence of
15 cannabis-induced psychosis and cannabis use disorder in Massachusetts; (v) testing for THC and
16 THC metabolites, including 11-OH THC, in all suicides and homicide perpetrators; (vi)
17 prevalence of marijuana use by those in the juvenile justice population, as measured by testing
18 for THC and 11-OH THC, at the time of entry into the juvenile justice system; (vii) economic
19 and fiscal impacts for state and local governments including the impact of legalization on the
20 production and distribution of marijuana in the illicit market and the costs and benefits to state
21 and local revenue; (viii) ownership and employment trends in the marijuana industry examining
22 participation by racial, ethnic and socioeconomic subgroups, including identification of barriers
23 to participation in the industry; (ix) a market analysis examining the expansion or contraction of
24 the illicit marketplace and the expansion or contraction of the legal marketplace, including
25 estimates and comparisons of pricing and product availability in both markets; (x) a compilation
26 of data on the number of incidents of discipline in schools, including suspensions, expulsions, or
27 diversion programs resulting from marijuana use or possession of marijuana or marijuana
28 products; and (xi) any Massachusetts assessment of youth substance use shall include questions
29 about the types and consumption methods of marijuana products being used, frequency of
30 marijuana use, and marijuana-related health effects, including but not limited to psychosis
31 symptoms, mood disorders, and cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome; and (xii) a compilation of
32 data on the number of civil penalties, arrests, prosecutions, incarcerations and sanctions imposed
33 for violations of chapter 94C for possession, distribution or trafficking of marijuana or marijuana
34 products, including the age, race, gender, country of origin, state geographic region and average
35 sanctions of the persons charged.