

HOUSE No. 2293

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 requiring municipal spending reports on the use of opioid settlement funds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<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>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2293) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to requiring municipal spending reports on the use of opioid settlement funds. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act requiring municipal spending reports on the use of opioid settlement funds.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any
2 municipality receiving abatement funds in accordance with the Massachusetts state-subdivision
3 agreement for statewide opioid settlement funds, shall submit an annual report by July 1 each
4 year, to the department of public health detailing how they plan to spend said funds in the
5 upcoming fiscal year.

6 The report shall include but not be limited to the total amount of abatement funds that the
7 municipality plans to spend and what proposed programs and initiatives the funds will be spent
8 on to mitigate the impacts of the opioid epidemic in their communities, provided that the first
9 report submitted may be preliminary. Municipalities spending less than 50 percent of the annual
10 allocation shall include in the report plans to utilize the remainder of the funds and identify any
11 barriers that are preventing the funds from being used.

12 The executive office of health and human services shall review said reports and provide
13 written feedback to each municipality including, but not limited to, best practices to implement
14 their programs and proposals; what state resources are available to support with the
15 implementation of these proposals; and what available state or federal funding may be available
16 to augment these proposals.