

HOUSE No. 5319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 30, 2026.

The committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2192) of James Arciero for legislation to promote high value and evidence-based behavioral health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2194) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to emergency restraint and hospitalization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2195) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation to improve the quality of mental health services and rights of patients by providing for sufficient privacy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2204) of Carol A. Doherty and James K. Hawkins relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2209) of Colleen M. Garry relative to establishing a commission on post traumatic stress disorder; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2212) of Steven S. Howitt relative to the issuing of the initial prescription of Schedule II controlled dangerous substances or other opioid pain relievers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2213) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Paul K. Frost and Todd M. Smola relative to treatment for substance use disorder; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2214) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to substance use disorder evaluations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2215) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the feasibility of joining the counseling compact; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2217) of Sally P. Kerans relative to opioid reversal drugs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2218) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and others relative to licensed mental health counselors and licensed supervised mental health counselors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2219) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and others for legislation to expand access to mental health services and strengthen risk assessment protocols; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2223) of Paul McMurtry relative to benzodiazepines and non-benzodiazepine hypnotics;

the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2224) of Paul McMurtry that the Department of Mental Health be authorized to establish a program for the treatment and support of people with mental illness and brain-based disorders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2225) of Samantha Montañó, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others for legislation to further regulate the possession particular controlled substances; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2228) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to create forensic units in certain hospitalization settings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2229) of David M. Rogers and Greg Schwartz for legislation to expand equity and access to patient centered care for substance abuse disorders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2230) of David M. Rogers for legislation to maintain a public database website for fatal and nonfatal opiate overdoses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2232) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to provide that network hospitals be compensated for behavioral health services to certain MassHealth patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2233) of Adam J. Scanlon relative to providing equitable access to behavioral health services for MassHealth consumers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2234) of Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to examine alternative models for transport of behavioral health patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2235) of Priscila S. Sousa relative to the disposal of hypodermic needles and lancets; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2236) of Joshua Tarsky for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to promote safe social media use, identify best practices for social media platforms to safeguard children’s mental health, and develop guidelines for safe social media use; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2237) of Debra Schmill relative to a minor's consent to substance use treatment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2239) of Andres X. Vargas and Kate Donaghue relative to addresses of sober homes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2240) of Andres X. Vargas relative to discharges from sober homes; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2241) of Christopher J. Worrell relative to recovery housing sober homes in environmental justice communities, reports (under the provisions of House Rule 27) recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5312) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery be
2 authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of
3 House documents numbered 2192, 2194, 2195, 2204, 2209, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2217, 2218,
4 2219, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2239, 2240 and
5 2241, relative to mental health, substance use and recovery matters.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2026.