

HOUSE No. 84

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 creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders.

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>1/21/2025</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>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 84) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to provide for an investigation by a special task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the use of the Internet by sex offenders. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 67 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act creating a task force to study the use of the internet by sex offenders.

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 joint committee on public safety and homeland security shall convene a
2 task force to report on electronic communications and the feasibility of tracking sex offender
3 internet use, via methods including but not limited to: (1) internet protocol addresses, (2) media
4 access control addresses, (3) internet service providers, (4) electronic mail, and (5) instant
5 messaging. The task force’s study shall address, but not be limited to, the following areas: (1)
6 current laws and regulations; (2) other states laws, regulations, and efforts; (3) the feasibility of
7 registration of sex offenders’ online addresses; and (4) relevant civil liberties issues.

8 SECTION 2. (a) The task force shall consist of: three members of the joint committee on
9 telecommunications, utilities, and energy, two to be appointed by the chair, one to be appointed

10 by the house minority leader; three members of the joint committee on public safety and
11 homeland security, two to be appointed by the chair, one to be appointed by the house minority
12 leader; one member of the state police, to be appointed by the colonel of the state police; one
13 licensed attorney, with experience in civil rights' cases, to be appointed by the attorney general;
14 and four experts to be appointed by the commissioners of the department of public utilities upon
15 a majority vote, provided two of the experts have had significant knowledge of a private
16 telecommunications company.

17 (b) The task force may consult with other government agencies, both federal and state, as
18 well as members of the telecommunication community.

19 SECTION 3. The task force shall submit a report, including any draft legislation and
20 regulations to the joint committee on public safety and homeland security within 12 months of
21 the passage of this act.