

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Higgins

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 updating the juvenile justice policy and data board.

PETITION OF:

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

An Act updating the juvenile justice policy and data board.

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. Subsection (b) of Section 89 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2024 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:-
3 “The board shall consist of 21 members,” and replacing it thereof with the following:- “The
4 board shall consist of 23 members,”

5 SECTION 2. Said subsection (b) of said Section 89 of said Chapter 119 is further
6 amended by inserting after the words "Massachusetts juvenile justice advisory committee or a
7 designee” the following:- "; 1 of whom shall be the executive director of the Commission on
8 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth or a designee".

9 SECTION 3. Said subsection (b) of said Section 89 of said Chapter 119 is further
10 amended by striking out the following words:- “2 of whom shall be parents whose children have
11 been subject to juvenile court jurisdiction and” and replacing it thereof with the following:-

12 “3 of whom shall be individuals with past juvenile justice involvement from a list
13 provided by The Transformation Center DBA Kiva Centers and a list provided by the

14 Parent/Professional Advocacy League, Inc, at least 1 of whom was a parent whose child has been
15 subject to juvenile court jurisdiction and 1 of whom is an adult who was subject to juvenile court
16 jurisdiction as a child, and”