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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 an Inspector General oversight of the Emergency Assistance Shelter system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	
Peter J. Durant	*Worcester and Hampshire*	*3/17/2025*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2225) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to create an Inspector General oversight of the Emergency Assistance Shelter system. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act creating an Inspector General oversight of the Emergency Assistance Shelter system.

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. The office of the inspector general, shall, subject to appropriation, convene a special unit for the purpose of providing ongoing and comprehensive oversight of actions taken by the commonwealth in response to the ongoing crisis attributable to the influx of migrants into the state. Such a special unit shall identify, review, and analyze the cost and cost-effectiveness of specialized contracts and procurements for such resources as food, and housing.

Said unit shall file reports, together with legislative and regulatory recommendations, with the clerks of the House and Senate, the Senate and House Committees on Ways and Means, and the Secretary of Administration and Finance quarterly, beginning not later than 3 months following the passage of this act, for a period of not less than 3 years, unless otherwise such requirement is otherwise modified, terminated, or extended, provided that such reports shall also be posted electronically so as to enable public inspection.

SECTION 2. Section 1 shall expire 3 years after the passage of this act.