

SENATE No.

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 to support police recruitment and retention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1593 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act to support police recruitment and retention.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 6, Section 116 of the general laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 new section:-

3 Section 116K. The municipal police training committee shall, not less than annually,
4 assess the workforce status of policing in the commonwealth, with regard to its adequacy,
5 diversity, and equity, and shall make recommendations for actions necessary for the recruitment
6 and retention of law enforcement officers to meet these goals. The results of said assessment,
7 together with such recommendations, shall be filed with the executive office of public safety and
8 homeland security, the joint committee on public safety and homeland security, the House and
9 Senate Committees on Ways and Means, and the clerks of the House and Senate, whom shall
10 post them electronically for public inspection, not later than December 31.