

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1745

TITLE: An Act to study the delivery of medical care to persons held in custody.

SPONSOR: Rep. Christopher Hendricks

COSPONSOR(S): None

HEARING DATE: September 9, 2025

REPORTING DEADLINE: November 8, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: S1232 (O'Connor)

CURRENT LAW: Section 116G of Chapter 6 of the General Laws requires the municipal police training committee to establish and develop training for local law enforcement in handling emergencies involving victims, witnesses or suspects with mental illness, substance use disorder, trauma history or developmental or intellectual disabilities. The training presenters much include certified mental health practitioners with expertise in the delivery of direct services to persons with mental illness, substance use disorder, trauma history or developmental or intellectual disabilities in emergency situations.

BILL SUMMARY: This legislation requires, within the year after its enactment, for the Research and Policy Analysis Division (RPAD) who is the state administering agency for the federal Death in Custody Reporting Act (DCRA) to, in consultation with all law enforcement, correctional institutions and Emergency Medical Services in the commonwealth, submit information on the delivery of emergency medical care to persons held in custody to the Attorney General. The Attorney General will annually collect and study this information and annually report on when and how emergency medical care is summoned and provided, including information on psychiatric crises during arrest.