

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1382**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Heroux***

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1382) of Paul R. Heroux and others relative to recidivism reducing program reporting by the Department of Correction. The Judiciary.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 124 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 41, by inserting after the word “department;” the  
3 following words:- and annually report on the outcomes of programs of rehabilitation upon  
4 discharge from the department of correction identified in paragraph (e). The measurement means  
5 to determine the outcome of the programs must exceed methods including anecdote or personal  
6 testimony, correlation, and pre-program / post-program measures. The outcome measurement  
7 report of the programs must report on two groups, whereby persons in one group are receiving  
8 the program and the persons in the other group who have not received or completed the program.  
9 The two groups in the outcome measurement report must not be different along risks of  
10 reoffending, as determined by the DOC COMPAS risk assessment tool, except for the presence  
11 and absence of the program. The two groups reported on must have the same numerical range  
12 and the same average score on risks to reoffend as identified by the risk assessment tools. The  
13 measurement of the program must report on the rate of recidivism for each group and if there is a  
14 statistically significant difference between the two groups, or not.