HOUSE No. 1530

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shaunna O'Connell and James J. Dwyer

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 establishing a commission to research, assess, and develop procedures to implement a system permitting criminal offender record information requestors to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases..

PETITION OF:

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Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex
Robert L. Hedlund	Plymouth and Norfolk
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex

Kevin J. Kuros	8th Worcester
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Daniel B. Winslow	9th Norfolk
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Bradford Hill	4th Essex
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James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
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Angelo L. D'Emilia	8th Plymouth

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By Representatives O'Connell of Taunton and Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1530) of Shaunna O'Connell and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of criminal offender record information requestors conducting fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases. The Judiciary.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to establishing a commission to research, assess, and develop procedures to implement a system permitting criminal offender record information requestors to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases..

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

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established a commission to research, assess, and develop procedures to implement a system permitting criminal offender record information requestors to conduct fingerprint-based checks of the national criminal history databases. The commission shall establish a process for making such requests, which shall be optional and made at the determination of the requestor. The commission shall examine and determine the appropriate roles of the Massachusetts department of criminal justice information and the state police.

The commission shall consist of: the secretary of the executive office of public safety and security, or a designee, who shall serve as chair; the chair of the sex offender registry board, or a designee; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader; a representative of the state police; and 3 persons to be appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall be representatives of distinct victims' rights advocacy groups, and 1 whom shall be a representative of an advocacy group which serves developmentally disabled individuals.

The commission shall commence within 2 weeks of the effective date of this act. The commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to implement those recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house on or before June 30, 2013.