

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1716**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Tom Sannicandro**

*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:

Resolve establishing a commission to evaluate health services and environmental conditions at MCI Framingham.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tom Sannicandro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2237 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO EVALUATE HEALTH SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AT MCI FRAMINGHAM.

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

1        *Resolved,*

2        Resolved, That, Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby  
3        established a Commission to investigate, report on and recommend changes in, the health services and  
4        environmental conditions at MCI-Framingham. Said commission shall collect and report on data on the health  
5        status, health services and environmental conditions available to women including those awaiting trial, in temporary  
6        custody or part of the general population. Said commission shall evaluate health services in comparison with  
7        community standards for health care and environmental quality, prompt access to care and appropriate treatment and  
8        staffing including psychological, psychiatric, surgical and other interventions. The commission shall develop  
9        strategic, legislative and financial recommendations to address any differences in health care standards from those  
10       expected of community hospitals and clinics licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division  
11       of Health Care Quality.

12       The commission shall be composed of the House and Senate Chairs of the Joint Committee on Public Safety  
13       who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the House and Senate Chairs of the Committee on Health Care; the  
14       Secretary of Public Safety or his designee; the Commissioner of Corrections or her designee; the Commissioner of  
15       Public Health or her designee; the Commissioner of Mental Health or her designee; one representative from each of  
16       the following organizations: Massachusetts College of Emergency Room Physicians; Massachusetts Medical  
17       Society; Massachusetts Public Health Association; Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services; Governor's  
18       Commission on Corrections Reform.

19       Said commission shall file a report of its study, including its recommendations and drafts of legislation  
20       with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2007. The sum of \$200,000  
21       shall be separately appropriated for the purposes of this act.