

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1749**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jon Santiago*

*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 establishing a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>William J. Driscoll, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>

<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>

*Bud L. Williams*

*11th Hampden*

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1749**

By [SPONSOR PREFIX] Santiago of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1749) of Jon Santiago and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the availability of continuum of care for persons with substance use disorders. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing a commission to study the availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a  
2   commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws to study the  
3   availability of a continuum of care for persons with substance use disorder. The commission  
4   shall review: (i) the availability of detoxification services, clinical stabilization services,  
5   transitional support services, residential recovery home services and outpatient treatment  
6   including medication assisted treatment and (ii) make an assessment of what the appropriate  
7   capacity should be for each level of care to allow individuals to efficiently access each level of  
8   care as clinically necessary.

9           The commission shall consist of: the house and senate chairs of the committee on mental  
10   health, substance use and recovery, who shall serve as co-chairs; a member appointed by the  
11   speaker of the house of representatives; a member appointed by the senate president; the

12 minority leader of the house, or a designee; the minority leader of the senate, or a designee; the  
13 secretary of the office of health and human services, or a designee; the assistant secretary for  
14 masshealth; the commissioner of the department of public health, or a designee; the  
15 commissioner of the department of mental health, or a designee; the commissioner of the  
16 division of insurance, or a designee; and one from each of the following: Association for  
17 Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.; Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery; the  
18 Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association; the Massachusetts Medical Society; Recovery  
19 Homes Collaborative; Learn to Cope; the Grayken Center; the Massachusetts Association of  
20 Health Plans; and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

21           Annually, not later than March 1, the commission shall file a report with the house and  
22 senate clerks on its activities and any recommendations. The commission shall monitor the  
23 implementation of its recommendations.