

HOUSE No. 1956

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson

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 resolve:

Resolve to re-establish the Brain Injury Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>

<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1956) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others for an investigation by a special commission known as the Brain Injury Commission (including members of the General Court) to review data concerning the epidemiology of brain injuries. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

Resolve to re-establish the Brain Injury Commission.

1 **Resolved**, SECTION 1. There is hereby established a special commission known as the
2 Brain Injury Commission to review data concerning the epidemiology of brain injury and the
3 needs of individuals with brain injury and their families in the commonwealth and to make
4 findings regarding the current status of rehabilitative residential and integrated community-based
5 support services for persons with acquired brain injury and persons with traumatic brain injury
6 and recommendations regarding the improvement of such services. The commission shall consist
7 of 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority
8 leader and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, 2 members of the senate, 1
9 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
10 president of the senate, the secretary of health and human services or a designee; the assistant
11 secretary of the office of disabilities and community services or a designee; the commissioner of
12 public health or a designee from the office on health and disability, the commissioner of the
13 Massachusetts rehabilitation commission or a designee, the secretary of elder affairs, the
14 secretary of veterans services, the Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of

15 Massachusetts, and 8 persons appointed by the governor. The co-chairs of the commission shall
16 be designated by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.

17 The review and study shall include, but not be limited to the availability, nature and
18 adequacy of the following services for the target population: acute and long-term medical and
19 cognitive rehabilitation and outpatient services; therapy services; residential nursing care;
20 structured day treatment and day activity programs; club programs; respite care services;
21 community-based housing; home-based services; family support programs; case management;
22 companion services; personal care attendant services; specialized medical equipment and
23 supplies; environmental modifications; counseling and training; and prevocational services.

24 The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the clerks of
25 the house of representatives and the senate and the house and senate committees on ways and
26 means not later than June 30, 2018. The report shall include findings regarding the cost of
27 maintaining or establishing recommended services and any legislation necessary to implement or
28 allow for the development or expansion of services for the target population.