

HOUSE No. 1991

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to substance use disorder evaluations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1991) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to substance use disorder evaluations. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2102 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to substance use disorder evaluations.

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 51 ½ of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (h) the following subsection:

3 (i) The department of public health shall annually collect, in a manner to be determined
4 by the department, the frequency and location of substance abuse evaluations ordered pursuant to
5 this section. The department of public health shall include in the report the number of persons
6 who received a substance abuse evaluation and returned to an acute care facility within the same
7 calendar year for treatment related to an opioid overdose. The department shall report such
8 information to the joint committee on health care financing, the joint committee on mental health
9 and substance abuse, and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than
10 January 1, annually.