

HOUSE No. 03403

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nicholas Boldyga

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:

A resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the wellbeing of public assistance recipients

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Nicholas Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Vieira,</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Boldyga of Southwick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3403) of David Vieira, and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to public assistance recipients. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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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, That a special commission to consist of 11 members, 3 of whom shall be members of
2 the senate; 1 of who shall be a member of the minority party; 3 of whom shall be members of the
3 house of representatives; 1 of who shall be a member of the minority party; and 5 persons to be
4 appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of the executive office of housing
5 and economic development or his designee, 1 of whom shall be a representative from health
6 services industry, 1 of whom shall be a representative of law enforcement, is hereby established
7 to make an investigation and study relative to the wellbeing of public assistance recipients
8 including the implementation and costs of mandatory random drug and alcohol testing
9 throughout the duration of their benefits period; and establishing random drug and alcohol

10 testing as a condition to be eligible to receive any and all such benefits. Such commission shall
11 also study the implementation of a cost control savings program.

12 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study
13 together with its recommendations and drafts of legislation, if any, necessary to carry said
14 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on
15 or before the last Wednesday of December, 2012.