

HOUSE No. 3615

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Juana Matias

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 Massachusetts policy and procedures for missing and abducted children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Juana Matias</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>William Crocker</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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Middlesex and Suffolk

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By Ms. Matias of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3615) of Juana Matias and others relative to policy and procedures for missing and abducted children. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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

An Act relative to Massachusetts policy and procedures for missing and abducted children.

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. Chapter 22A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10. The executive office of public safety and security shall develop a guide
4 entitled the Massachusetts policy and procedure for missing and abducted children investigations
5 that shall establish comprehensive minimum standards for law enforcement agencies in the
6 commonwealth. Such agencies shall reference the guide and implement the policy and procedure
7 in agency practices and the training of law enforcement officers.

8 The executive office shall reference, but shall not be limited to, the law-enforcement
9 policy and procedures for reports of missing and abducted children, developed by The National
10 Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The executive office shall ensure that policies
11 promulgated are comprehensive and inclusive to different categories of missing children,
12 including, but not limited to, children under 10 years of age, children under 17 years of age,

13 children with mental and physical limitations, and dependent adults with mental and physical
14 limitations.

15 The municipal police training committee shall include in their 2018 training year, a
16 mandatory 2 hour in-service training program for veteran police officers on the Massachusetts
17 policy and procedure for missing and abducted children investigations. The municipal police
18 training committee shall include training on the Massachusetts policy and procedure for missing
19 and abducted children investigations for new police officers attending the police academy.

20 The executive office of public safety and security shall ensure internal policies and the
21 missing child clearinghouse intake form to reflect the Massachusetts policy and procedure for
22 missing and abducted children investigations. The missing child clearinghouse intake form shall
23 be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Khmer
24 or Cambodian.

25 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect on January 15, 2018.

26 SECTION 3. By January 15, 2019, law enforcement agencies in the commonwealth of
27 Massachusetts shall the Massachusetts policy and procedure for missing and abducted children
28 investigations as the minimum protocol in investigations of missing children.