

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 840**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Heroux***

*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 reporting sex offender treatment program outcomes by the Commissioner of Department of Corrections and the Department of Youth Services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Paul R. Heroux*

*2nd Bristol*

*Kay Khan*

*11th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Heroux of Attleboro, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 840) of Paul R. Heroux and Kay Khan relative to the reporting of sex offender treatment program outcomes by the Commissioners of the Department of Correction and the Department of Youth Services. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1364 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to reporting sex offender treatment program outcomes by the Commissioner of Department of Corrections and the Department of Youth Services.

*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 16 of chapter 123A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the word “provided” the  
3 following words:-, and the outcomes of treatments upon discharge from the department of  
4 correction and the department of youth services. The measurement means to determine the  
5 outcome measure of the programs must exceed methods including anecdote or personal  
6 testimony, correlation, and pre-program / post-program measures. The outcome measurement  
7 report of the programs must report on two groups, whereas persons in one group are receiving  
8 the program and the persons in the other group who have not received or completed the program.  
9 The two groups in the outcome measurement report must not be different along risks and needs

10 of reoffending from one another, as determined by the DOC COMPAS risk assessment tool and  
11 a similar tool in the DYS, except for the presence and absence of the program. The two groups  
12 reported on must include persons who have the same risks and needs to reoffend as identified by  
13 the risk assessment tools. The measurement of the program must annually report on the rate of  
14 recidivism for each group and if there is a statistically significant difference between the two  
15 groups, or not.