

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3511**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Dylan Fernandes*

*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 establishing a special commission on substance misuse treatment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>William Driscoll</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>

*Brian Murray*  
*Bud Williams*

*10th Worcester*  
*11th Hampden*

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By Mr. Fernandes of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3511) of Dylan Fernandes and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of treatment options for substance misuse. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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Resolve establishing a special commission on substance misuse treatment.

1           **Resolved**, That a special legislative commission, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of  
2 the General Laws is hereby established to: (i) identify successful substance misuse treatment  
3 options that extend beyond medical detox and that have proven through data to lead to long term  
4 recovery; (ii) provide a list of treatment options based on proven success through data in  
5 promoting long term recovery; (iii) identify monetary costs of treatment options; and (iv) make  
6 recommendations for focusing state resources for treatment on treatments that have the best  
7 outcomes for those suffering from substance misuse disorder.

8           The commission shall consist of the following 17 members: 2 of whom shall be the house  
9 and senate chairs of the joint committee on mental health, substance use and recovery, who shall  
10 serve as co-chairs of the commission; 2 members of the house of representatives, to be appointed  
11 by the speaker of the house; 2 members of the senate, to be appointed by the president of the  
12 senate; 2 members to be appointed by the attorney general; 2 members to be appointed by the  
13 commissioner of public health; and 7 members to be appointed by the governor; 5 of whom

14 shall work as professors at a college in the commonwealth with a focus on studying substance  
15 misuse, and 2 of whom shall work in the substance misuse treatment field.

16 All appointments shall be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this  
17 resolve. The co-chairs shall convene the first meeting of the special commission within 45 days  
18 of all appointments being made.

19 The commission shall meet a minimum of 4 times to review, study and analyze existing  
20 scientific literature and data on substance misuse treatment and which methods have the lowest  
21 recidivism rates and the highest success rates. The commission shall: (i) address current  
22 scientific literature on substance misuse treatment; and (ii) create a list of treatment options that  
23 accounts for the effectiveness and the cost of the treatment.

24 The commission shall submit its findings, along with recommendations for legislation, to  
25 the governor and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate no later than 1 year  
26 after the effective date of this resolve.