

HOUSE No. 1583

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 establishing a criminal justice data systems task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1583) of Tom Sannicandro and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to create a task force to analyze administrative data to for the Commonwealth’s criminal justice system. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing a criminal justice data systems task force.

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. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, in conjunction with the
2 Massachusetts Trial Court, shall create a task force to develop a report examining strategies to
3 enhance capacity to analyze administrative data to increase the performance of the
4 Commonwealth’s criminal justice system.

5 The report shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a description and data schemas for the
6 administrative databases utilized by the House of Corrections, Department of Corrections, the
7 Parole Board, the Probation Department, and the Massachusetts Trial Court to track charges,
8 sentencing, time served, risk assessment scores, and program participation; (ii) an analysis of
9 gaps in the current data infrastructure and analytical needs with respect to tracking charges,
10 sentencing, time served, risk assessment scores, and program participation; (iii) an analysis of
11 opportunities and barriers to integrating agency data systems to improve both the day-to-day
12 administration of justice and increase the capacity to analyze administrative data to improve

13 public safety performance; (iv) recommendations on developing structures and policies to make
14 these administrative data more accessible to researchers.

15 The task force shall file its report with the clerks of the Senate and the House of
16 Representatives and the chairs of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary not later than December
17 31, 2015. The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security shall publish the taskforce report
18 on its website.