

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera**

*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:

An Act to study the need for drug rehabilitation for Department of Children and Families' clients.

PETITION OF:

NAME: Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	DISTRICT/ADDRESS: 10th Hampden
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO STUDY THE NEED FOR DRUG REHABILITATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' CLIENTS.

*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. Pursuant to section 3 of Chapter 111E of the General Laws, there shall be placed on the books  
2 of the Commonwealth a commission to study the need for drug related rehabilitation for clients of the  
3 Department of Children and Families.

4 The commission shall study the need for rehabilitation, access to rehabilitation and the capacity of the  
5 state's resources to provide rehabilitation to the clients of the Department of Children and Families.

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7 Section 2. The Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the  
8 Commissioner of Children and Families, the Commissioner of Public Health or their designee, 2 members  
9 of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2 members of the Senate,  
10 appointed by the Senate President, 1 social worker, not currently employed by the department and 2  
11 former clients of the department appointed by the Governor.

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13 Section 3. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, Speaker of  
14 the House, Senate President, Chairmen of the Committees on Ways and Means, the Joint Committee on  
15 Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, the Joint Committee on Healthcare Financing, and the  
16 Clerks of the House and Senate no later than December 31, 2010.