

HOUSE No. 3348

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kay Khan

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 conducting a study on sexual offender recidivism.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Khan of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3348) of Kay Khan and others relative to conducting a study on sexual offender recidivism. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to conducting a study on sexual offender recidivism.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or any
2 regulation, a study of the rates of sexual recidivism of Level 1, 2 and 3 offenders shall be
3 conducted by an independent organization that shall be selected by the Legislative Joint
4 Committee on Public Safety and Security to help determine whether the current
5 classification
6 system is accurately classifying offenders. The study shall provide general information
7 on the
8 sexual recidivism rates of classified sex offenders and shall include the type of sexual
9 recidivism
10 to determine the degree of dangerousness, which is part of the classification level.

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12 The study shall examine five years sexual recidivism rates beginning with offenders
13 classified in 2005. Recidivism rates shall be measured by tabulating new sex offense
14 charges by
15 reviewing new CORI sex offense convictions. In addition to recidivism rates by
16 classification
17 level, the study should include a) the age of the sex offenders who have recidivated to
18 determine
19 whether sex offenders in the Commonwealth follow the national trend of lower
20 recidivism rates
21 after age 40; b) recidivism rates of juveniles as compared to adults; c) recidivism rates of
22 females
23 as compared to adults; and incidence of noncontact offenders who recidivate by
24 committing a
25 contact sex offense.

26 A report on the results of the study shall be filed with the clerks of the Senate and
27 House
28 of Representatives on or before June 30, 2020.