

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3379**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 reducing recidivism and promoting family relationships during incarceration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>

<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3379) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to promoting family relationships during incarceration by providing for training for correctional officers. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act reducing recidivism and promoting family relationships during incarceration.

*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 36C of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 92 of chapter 69  
2 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following  
3 paragraphs:-

4           Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, every  
5 guard, corrections officer and employee of a correctional institution, jail or house of correction  
6 shall attend a training session and receive educational information regarding: (1) the importance  
7 of ongoing visitation to individuals who are incarcerated as related to reducing recidivism,  
8 violence and increasing successful re-entry; and (2) the importance of civility and respectful  
9 conduct toward family members and other members of the public who visit individuals who are  
10 incarcerated so as to encourage visitation on a regular basis while maintaining security.

11           Training materials and educational information shall be developed in consultation with  
12 representatives of the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Women’s Bar Association, Prisoners

13 Legal Services, the Criminal Justice Reform Caucus, ex-prisoners community based  
14 organizations, and community based re-entry programs. Prior to implementation, the training  
15 materials shall be submitted to the joint committee on the judiciary and the joint committee on  
16 public safety and homeland security.