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RE: H1369 An Act relative to the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction
DT: 13 October 2015

Dear Honorable Chairs and Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for hearing *H1369, An Act relative to the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction* before your committee on October 14th.

I filed this bill because, as the former Director of Research for the Department of Correction, we as the Commonwealth do not regularly measure the outcomes of the recidivism reducing programs in our prisons and jails. I've been working with the Executive branch over the past year to make this a practice in all facilities. Legislation is still required to make sure that this remains in place during future administrations. We should measure the outcomes of all government programs to make sure they are meeting their goals and doing so in a cost-efficient manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill. I respectfully request that *H1369, An Act relative to the recidivism reducing program reporting by the Commissioner of the Department of Correction* released favorably and expeditiously from your committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux