

By Mr. McIntyre of New Bedford, petition of Joseph B. McIntyre and another for legislation to provide for alternative sentencing programs for women within correctional facilities. Public Safety.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 127, § 49 is hereby amended by inserting the following  
2 at the end of the section:—

3 “There shall be established a pre-release program as an alterna-  
4 tive to continued incarceration designed to provide a continuum of  
5 care which addresses the specific needs of women. Said program  
6 shall consist of residential facilities which provide structured pro-  
7 gramming addressing substance abuse treatment, job training,  
8 employment referrals, education, parenting skills, child care, com-  
9 munity re-socialization, post-sentencing housing and post-sen-  
10 tencing after care.

11 A three year pilot program shall be established at the House of  
12 Correction in Suffolk County. The Sheriff of Suffolk County shall  
13 be responsible for promulgating the regulations of said pilot pro-  
14 gram, to include the funding and programming for outside  
15 evaluation.”

