

The MA Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence takes a holistic approach to ending gun violence, centering our advocacy around addressing root causes of violence and improving the well-being of young people.

Access to guns:

H.2437 /S.1562 - An Act relative to crime gun data reporting and analysis

Sponsors: Rep. Decker, Sen. Creem

Requires that data collected on guns recovered in connection with a crime to better understand their origins and how we can prevent future gun violence.

Juvenile justice reform:

H.1826/S.920 - Raise The Age - Sponsors: Reps. O'Day + Khan, Sen. Boncore

Gradually raises the age at which a young person is considered a juvenile in the eyes of the criminal justice system to include 18-20 year olds, allowing them access to more supportive services that reduce recidivism and promote positive reentry into their communities.

H.1531/S.980 - Expungement - Sponsors: Reps. Khan + Decker, Sen Creem

Expands eligibility for individuals to have juvenile offenses on their record expunged or cleared, removing barriers to housing, education, and employment.

H.1569/S.984 - Juvenile diversion - Sponsors: Rep. Fluker-Oakley, Sen. Creem

Expands judicial diversion by giving judges authority to divert more cases, keeping a greater number of young people out of the juvenile justice system.

Mental health and trauma response:

HD.3263 - Mental health first aid - Sponsor: Rep. Miranda

Implements mental health first aid and trauma first aid training to residents of the Commonwealth

H.2519/S.1552 - Alternative responses to mental health crises - Sponsor: Rep. Sabadosa, Sen. Chang-Diaz

Establishes a pilot program for a non-law-enforcement response to mental health crises, to be implemented in and designed by communities that are overpoliced.

HD.3261 - Financial support for youth aging out of foster care- Sponsor: Rep. Miranda

Establishes a pilot program to provide financial support for young adults aging out of foster care, setting them up for future success.