

SENATE No. 301

To accompany the petition of the Board of Probation, by B. Loring Young, chairman, to secure uniformity of reports of criminal records by requiring such reports from trial justices. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act relative to Reports by Trial Justices.

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. Chapter two hundred and seventy-
2 six of the General Laws, section ninety-nine is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word
4 "officers" in line two the following words:—
5 and of reports from trial justices, — so that said
6 section shall read as follows:— *Section 99.* The
7 board shall prescribe the form of all records and
8 of all reports from probation officers and of
9 reports from trial justices, and shall make rules
10 for the registration of reports and for the ex-
11 change of information between the courts. It shall
12 provide for such organization and co-operation
13 of the probation officers in the several courts as
14 may seem advisable. To promote co-ordination
15 in the probation work of the courts, the board may

16 call a conference of any or all of the justices of
17 the district courts and the Boston juvenile court,
18 or a conference of any or all of the probation
19 officers and assistant probation officers, and a
20 member of the board shall preside. With the
21 approval of the board, the commissioner of cor-
22 rection or the department of public welfare may
23 hold a conference with any or all of the proba-
24 tion officers to secure their co-operation in keeping
25 trace of the whereabouts of persons who are at
26 liberty from the prisons of the commonwealth.
27 The traveling expenses of said justices or officers
28 in attending any conference herein named shall
29 be paid as the other expenses of the respective
30 courts are paid.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter two hundred and
2 seventy-six of the General Laws, section one
3 hundred is hereby amended by inserting after
4 the word "court" in the fourth line the words:
5 — and trial justices shall transmit to the board
6 records of cases coming before them in such
7 form and at such times as the board may re-
8 quire, — so that said section shall read as fol-
9 lows: — *Section 100.* Every probation officer,
10 or the chief or senior probation officer of a court
11 having more than one probation officer, shall
12 transmit to the board, in such form and at such
13 times as it shall require, detailed reports regarding
14 the work of probation in the court and trial
15 justices shall transmit to the board records of
16 cases coming before them in such form and at

17 such times as the board may require; and under
18 the direction of the board a record shall be kept
19 of all such cases as the board may require for
20 the information of the justices and probation
21 officers. Police officials shall co-operate with
22 the board and the probation officers in obtaining
23 and reporting information concerning persons
24 on probation. The information so obtained and
25 recorded shall be accessible at all times to the
26 justices and officers of the courts, to the police
27 commissioner of Boston, and to all chiefs of
28 police and city marshals. The commissioner
29 of correction and the department of public wel-
30 fare shall at all times give to the board and the
31 probation officers such information as may be
32 obtained from the records concerning prisoners
33 under sentence or who have been released.

