

SENATE No. 457

To accompany the petition of Daniel F. O'Brien for the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) for the purpose of investigating and studying the prevention of child delinquency, the rehabilitation of delinquent children and underprivileged and maladjusted children and as to the advisability of establishing institutions for the treatment of such children. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE PREVENTION OF CHILD DELINQUENCY, THE REHABILITATION OF DELINQUENT AND UNDERPRIVILEGED AND MALADJUSTED CHILDREN AND AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE TREATMENT OF SUCH CHILDREN.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and five persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of
7 making an investigation and study relative to the
8 prevention of child delinquency, the rehabilitation of
9 delinquent and underprivileged and maladjusted
10 children and as to the advisability of establishing in-
11 stitutions for the treatment of such children. The
12 commission shall, in the course of its investigation

13 and study, consider the subject matter of authorizing
14 the trustees of Massachusetts training schools to
15 establish, maintain and supervise a reception center
16 for the classification and treatment of delinquent and
17 underprivileged and maladjusted children. The com-
18 mission shall be provided with quarters in the state
19 house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require
20 by summons the attendance and testimony of wit-
21 nesses and the production of books and papers, and
22 may expend for clerical and other services and ex-
23 penses such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
24 Said commission shall report to the general court the
25 results of its investigation and study hereunder, and
26 its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation
27 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,
28 by filing one or more reports with the clerk of the
29 senate at such time or times as the commission may
30 elect; provided, that the commission shall so file its
31 final report on or before the first Wednesday of Decem-
32 ber in the current year.