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Accompanying the second recommendation of the Division of Juvenile Training (House, No. 53). Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

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### AN ACT AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS BY THE TRUSTEES OF MASSACHUSETTS TRAINING SCHOOLS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

*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 120 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 16 as  
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition the following  
4 section:—

5 *Section 16A.* The trustees may transfer any person  
6 committed or transferred to the Industrial School for  
7 Boys, the Lyman School for Boys, or to the Industrial  
8 School for Girls, still in the custody of the said trustees,  
9 who proves upon examination by a physician qualified  
10 as provided in section 53 of chapter 123 to be feeble-  
11 minded and an improper person to remain in any of  
12 the foregoing institutions, to the custody of the  
13 department of mental health. Said department shall  
14 designate the institution under its control to which  
15 the person so transferred shall be sent. Any person

16 transferred under this section shall be accompanied  
17 by all mittimuses and processes, a copy of the medical  
18 report and a written statement covering the history  
19 and conduct of the person, and the circumstances of  
20 the person's home, so far as they can be ascertained.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 120 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 17, as  
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following  
4 section: —

5 *Section 17A.* The legal custody of the remainder  
6 of his or her minority of any boy or girl transferred  
7 to the department of mental health by the trustees  
8 is hereby surrendered by them and shall thereafter  
9 be in the institution to which the transfer has been  
10 made.