

HOUSE No. 56

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRUSTEES OF MASSACHUSETTS TRAINING SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND SUPERVISE A RECEPTION CENTER FOR THE CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

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. The trustees of Massachusetts Train-
2 ing Schools are hereby authorized to establish, main-
3 tain and supervise a reception center for the reception
4 and classification for purposes of confinement, train-
5 ing or treatment of juvenile offenders between the
6 ages of seven and seventeen years found to be delin-
7 quent under the provisions of chapter 119, sections 52
8 through 83.

9 The trustees shall elect a superintendent of the re-
10 ception center, and the superintendent shall, with the
11 approval of the trustees, appoint a staff to interview,
12 test, classify and supervise offenders committed to the
13 center and those necessary for its proper maintenance.

1 SECTION 2. There shall be a classification board to
2 be composed of such members of the staff of the re-
3 ception center as the superintendent may direct. After
4 making such study and investigation of the facts as
5 the superintendent may direct, or the rules of the
6 trustees require, the classification board shall make
7 and file a certificate in writing, recommending the in-
8 stitution best suited to receive the offender during the
9 term of his commitment or the type of program to be
10 followed and the approximate length of treatment.
11 The agents of the trustees shall make all necessary
12 investigations of offenders committed to the reception
13 center and supply the superintendent of the center
14 with the necessary information regarding the social
15 history and community background. The trustees
16 shall thereupon determine the institution best suited
17 to receive the offender during the term of his commit-
18 ment or the type of program to be followed and the
19 approximate length of treatment, and they may trans-
20 fer the offender to any institution to which transfer is
21 authorized under the provisions appearing in chapter
22 120 of the General Laws as amended.

1 SECTION 3. Wherever in chapter 119 of the General
2 Laws provision is made for the commitment of a juve-
3 nile delinquent to either the Lyman school for boys,
4 the industrial school for boys, or the industrial school
5 for girls, such commitment, from and after the time
6 upon which the reception center referred to in section
7 one of this act is established, shall be made to such
8 reception center.