

SENATE No. 56

To accompany the petition of Leslie B. Cutler that provision be made for a study and survey by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to institutions under the control of the Department of Mental Health. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A STUDY AND SURVEY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, con-
2 sisting 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 four persons to be appointed by the gov-
6 ernor, is hereby established for the purpose of making
7 a study and survey relative to all institutions under
8 the control of the department of mental health, with
9 respect to personnel, salaries and other administrative
10 problems thereat, and also with respect to practices
11 and policies prevailing thereat in the matter of ad-
12 missions and discharges, and to such other matters
13 relating to the operation of said institutions as said
14 commission may deem desirable. Said commission
15 shall hold hearings, may require of the department of
16 mental health and such other departments and such
17 commissions or officers of the commonwealth as have

18 or can obtain information in relation to the subject
19 matter of this resolve such assistance as may be help-
20 ful in the course of its study and survey, may require
21 by summons the attendance and testimony of wit-
22 nesses and the production of such books and papers
23 as relate to the matter under investigation. Said
24 commission shall be provided with quarters in the
25 state house or elsewhere and may expend for legal,
26 clerical and other services and expenses, such sums
27 as may hereafter be appropriated therefor. Said com-
28 mission shall report to the general court the results of
29 its study and survey, and its recommendations, if any,
30 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
31 its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
32 the clerk of the house of representatives not later than
33 the first Wednesday of December in the current year.