

SENATE . . . No. 644

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 27, 1949.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under Chapter 89 of the Resolves of 1948) to investigate the conduct of the Reformatory for Women at Framingham (Senate, No. 521), report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 644).

For the committee,

EDWARD C. PEIRCE.

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE CONDUCT OF THE INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, five members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and two persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established to make an im-
7 mediate and thorough investigation of the conduct
8 of the institutions under the supervision of the de-
9 partment of correction to determine whether said
10 institutions are being operated properly and in
11 accordance with the laws relating thereto, and with
12 a view to making such changes in the law as may
13 seem advisable for improving conditions at said
14 institutions. The commission shall be provided with
15 quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold
16 public hearings, and shall have the power to summon
17 witnesses and to require the production of books,
18 records, contracts and papers of said institutions
19 and the giving of testimony under oath. Said com-
20 mission may expend for clerical and other services
21 and expenses such sums as may hereafter be appro-
22 priated therefor. Said commission shall report to

23 the general court the results of its investigation and
24 study, and its recommendations, if any, together
25 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
26 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the
27 clerk of the senate on or before the first Wednesday
28 of December in the current year.

