

HOUSE No. 2876

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, May 12, 1954.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I am enclosing herewith proposed legislation under the provisions of chapter 7, section 7, of the General Laws, "An Act providing for Recognition of Suggestions by State Officers or Employees to increase the Efficiency of the State Government."

I would appreciate your filing this bill with the proper committee.

Very truly yours,

CARL A. SHERIDAN,
Commissioner of Administration.

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECOGNITION OF SUGGESTIONS
BY STATE OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES TO INCREASE THE
EFFICIENCY OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

*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 31A of chapter 7 of the General Laws, as
2 inserted by chapter 504 of the acts of 1953, is hereby
3 amended by striking out said section and inserting in
4 place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 31A.* There shall be within the commis-
6 sion a suggestion awards board, to consist of each
7 member of the commission or a person designated by
8 such member as his representative, for the purpose of
9 receiving and judging suggestions made by officers
10 or employees of the commonwealth as to methods of
11 improving existing governmental procedures; in-
12 stalling new procedures for the betterment of the
13 state service; increasing the efficiency of the several
14 state departments, boards, commissions or institu-
15 tions operating under any state department, division,
16 board or commission; reducing the cost of state
17 government; or improving the service rendered to
18 the public by any department, division, board, com-
19 mission or institution.

20 Said suggestion awards board shall from time to
21 time award prizes in the form of cash or certificates
22 of merit to the officers or employees who have sub-
23 mitted suggestions which, in the opinion of the board,
24 merit an award for increasing the efficiency of the
25 state service. The board shall, after consultation
26 with representatives of the various state employee
27 organizations, and subject to the approval of the

28 governor and council, establish rules relative to the
29 receiving and judging of such suggestions, the amount
30 of the awards to be given, and the qualifications of
31 the contestants, and may, subject to appropriation,
32 expend sums for awards of cash or certificates of
33 merit, investigation, publicity, clerical and other
34 services and expenses necessary to carry out the
35 purposes of this section.

