
To accompany the petition of Leslie B. Cutler for legislation relative to new commitments or transfers of certain persons committed to the Youth Service Board. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NEW COMMITMENTS OR TRANSFERS OF CERTAIN PERSONS COMMITTED TO THE YOUTH SERVICE BOARD.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 120 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 14, as appearing in section 22 of
3 chapter 210 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 14.* The board may refer a person in its
6 custody for examination to the department of mental
7 health, and whenever said department finds that any
8 person so referred to it is insane, feeble-minded or
9 a defective delinquent, within the meaning of chapter
10 one hundred and twenty-three, or a sexual psychopath,
11 within the meaning of chapter one hundred and
12 twenty-three A, the department may make application
13 to the proper court for a new commitment to the
14 appropriate agency in accordance with law; provided,
15 that when said department finds after such examina-
16 tion a person so referred by the board has a severe
17 personality disorder, or is a mentally disturbed child
18 which requires special care and psychiatric treatment,
19 the board may transfer such person to the care of the
20 department of mental health, and said department

21 shall provide, when funds are made available therefor,
22 facilities to securely keep such persons and provide
23 adequate care and treatment for them. Whenever in
24 the opinion of said department such persons are re-
25 habilitated they shall be transferred back to the
26 youth service board. When each of such transfers are
27 made, parents or guardians of such persons shall be
28 informed forthwith.