

SENATE No. 595

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, February 16, 1955.

The committee on Public Welfare, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 483) of Dorothy M. Singer and others that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to certain handicapped persons in the Commonwealth, report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 595).

For the committee,

LESLIE B. CUTLER.

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO CERTAIN HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission to con-
2 sist of two members of the senate to be designated by
3 the president thereof, four members of the house of rep-
4 resentatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, and
5 five persons to be designated by the governor, one of
6 whom shall be chairman, is hereby established for the
7 purpose of making an investigation and study of social,
8 educational, vocational training and job placement facili-
9 ties of and laws relative to the physically handicapped.
10 In making its investigation and study said commission
11 shall have the co-operation of all agencies of the state
12 government dealing with the problems of the physically
13 handicapped, with a view to submitting a plan to co-
14 ordinate and improve these services, so as to render more
15 adequate service to the handicapped and to effectuate
16 greater economy in the operation of these services.
17 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in
18 the state house or elsewhere, may sit during the session
19 and recess of the general court, may hold hearings, may
20 require by summons the attendance and testimony of
21 witnesses and the production of books and papers and
22 may expend for legal, clerical and other assistance and
23 for expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
24 Said commission shall report to the general court from
25 time to time as to the progress of its work, and such re-
26 ports shall include such recommendations as it may desire
27 to make, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate,
28 and it shall make a final report to the general court,
29 together with its findings and recommendations, by filing
30 the same with said clerk not later than the first Wednes-
31 day of December in the current year.