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By Mr. Cohen, a petition of Beryl W. Cohen for legislation to establish a crime prevention commission. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

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### AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CRIME PREVENTION COMMISSION.

*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 1. Section 17 of chapter 6 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the words "the World War  
3 memorial commission," added by section 1 of chapter 83 of  
4 the acts of 1965, the words: — crime prevention commission.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by  
2 adding after section 124, inserted by section 2 of said chapter  
3 83, under the caption Crime Prevention Commission, the fol-  
4 lowing four sections: —

5 *Section 125.* There shall be a crime prevention commission  
6 called the commission, consisting of the commissioner of cor-  
7 rection, the commissioner of probation, the chairman of the  
8 parole board, the chairman of the youth service board, and  
9 three persons to be appointed by the governor, not more than  
10 two of whom shall be from either of the two major political  
11 parties, for the purpose of planning, co-ordinating and devel-  
12 oping comprehensive programs in the area of correctional  
13 services and facilities. Said appointive members shall be desig-  
14 nated in the original appointments to serve for terms of one,  
15 two and three years respectively. Upon the expiration of the  
16 term of office of a member, his successor shall be appointed in  
17 like manner for a term of three years, and shall serve until  
18 the qualification of his successor. Each appointive member of  
19 the commission shall receive the sum of fifty dollars of each  
20 day or part thereof of service as a commissioner; provided

21 that no member shall receive in any fiscal year for such serv-  
22 ice a sum in excess of five thousand dollars.

23 The chairman and vice chairman of the commission shall be  
24 designated biennially by the commission members; provided  
25 that no member may serve as chairman for more than two  
26 consecutive terms. The vice chairman shall assist the chair-  
27 man and serve as chairman in his absence. The commission  
28 shall meet monthly and at other times at the call of the chair-  
29 man or as the commission may determine.

30 *Section 126.* The commission may appoint an executive  
31 secretary, research assistants, and such legal, clerical, and  
32 other assistance as may be necessary to carry out its duties.  
33 The executive secretary shall not be subject to chapter thirty-  
34 one nor to section nine A of chapter thirty, and shall be paid  
35 such compensation as the commission shall from time to time  
36 fix. Funds received by the commission from the federal gov-  
37 ernment, or from any foundation, corporation or other person  
38 shall be deposited with the state treasurer and be accounted  
39 for and audited in the usual manner prescribed for all agencies  
40 of the commonwealth. The commission shall not interfere  
41 with the administrative or policy making decisions of the de-  
42 partment of correction, the board of probation, the parole  
43 board, or the youth service board.

44 *Section 127.* The commission shall review and recommend  
45 programs that provide for co-ordinating services of the de-  
46 partment of correction, the board of probation, the parole  
47 board and the youth service board. It shall recommend com-  
48 bined overhead staff services to said department and said  
49 boards wherever feasible in such areas as central accounting  
50 and fiscal operation, personnel services, legal, in-service train-  
51 ing, information, educational and statistical services, employ-  
52 ment services, research for long-range planning and develop-  
53 ment, and joint studies, and other related areas germane to  
54 proper coordination of all interdepartmental services as the  
55 commission may direct. The commission may serve as the  
56 communicative mechanism for the development and submission  
57 of plans to the various agencies of the federal government  
58 by state and county correctional agencies, and may serve in

59 an advisory capacity for the receipt and disbursement of funds  
60 to public and private agencies participating in the planning,  
61 operation, and development of correctional facilities under any  
62 federal laws providing such funds.

63 The commission may recommend the conduct of pilot stud-  
64 ies, research and demonstration programs in co-ordinated  
65 correctional programing, and may receive and disburse funds  
66 to these ends. The commission may contract with the Joint  
67 Center for Urban Studies, the Massachusetts Committee on  
68 Children and Youth, United Prison Association, and other  
69 qualified organizations, associations, corporations, or individ-  
70 uals to carry on approved research studies and to submit re-  
71 ports recommending ways and means to co-ordinate, consoli-  
72 date, or in other ways improve statewide correctional facil-  
73 ities.

74 The commission shall maintain full co-operation with all  
75 departments, divisions, agencies, and boards of the common-  
76 wealth, all of its political subdivisions, all associations, univer-  
77 sities, and other agencies whose functions are encompassed  
78 by the objectives of the commission, and shall receive from  
79 them, and render to them, all possible assistance.

80 The commission shall give high priority to establishing in-  
81 service training programs for personnel employed in the cor-  
82 rectional field, to providing half-way houses for parolees, and  
83 to aid in locating employment opportunities for parolees and  
84 released prisoners.

85 The commission shall report annually to the general court  
86 its activities and its recommendations by filing the same with  
87 the clerk of the senate on or before the third Wednesday in  
88 December together with drafts of legislation necessary to  
89 carry its recommendations, if any, into effect.

90 *Section 128.* The commission may establish an advisory  
91 committee of thirty unpaid members, to be appointed by the  
92 chairman for a term of four years, of whom one shall be a  
93 sociologist, one a psychologist, one a psychiatrist, and one  
94 shall represent the United Prison Association, one the  
95 Massachusetts Parole Officers Association, one the Massa-  
96 chusetts Probation Association, one the Citizenship Training

97 Group, Inc., one the Massachusetts Chapter of the National  
98 Association of Social Workers, one the Division of Legal Medi-  
99 cine, one the division of employment security, one the Massa-  
100 chusetts Police Chiefs Association, one the Massachusetts  
101 Police Officers Association, one the Juvenile Officers Asso-  
102 ciation, one the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of  
103 Cruelty to Children, one the Massachusetts Defenders Asso-  
104 ciation, one the Boston University Law-Medicine Research  
105 Institute, Inc., one the Joint Center for Urban Studies, one  
106 the Massachusetts Committee on Children and Youth, one the  
107 Massachusetts Council on Crime and Delinquency, one the  
108 Action for Boston Community Development, one the Sheriffs  
109 Association, one representing the Alcoholics Anonymous, one  
110 the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, one the As-  
111 sociated Industries of Massachusetts, one the Massachusetts  
112 League of Women Voters, one the Friends of Framingham, one  
113 the Massachusetts Bar Association, one the Committee on  
114 Juvenile Delinquency, and one the University of Massachusetts.  
115 Said advisory committee shall meet at least twice a year to re-  
116 ceive a semi-annual report from the commission. Other meet-  
117 ings of the advisory committee may be called at the discretion  
118 of the commission, for the purpose of discussing proposed  
119 plans and programs for co-ordinating correctional services of  
120 the commonwealth.