SENATE . . . . No. 258

To accompany the petition of Alfred Bunker and others that parents be held responsible for wayward and delinquent children. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Wayward and Delinquent Children.

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 thirteen of chapter four hundred and thirteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby amended by striking out the words "a parent of such child who is found to have been responsible for such waywardness or delinquency", and inserting in place thereof the words:—and if, through neglect by a parent, or by the instigation of a parent, the child has become wayward or delinquent, such parent shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months.
AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of a commission to investigate and report upon the causes of the increase of crime and the effectiveness of the criminal justice system, and to make recommendations for improvements.