

# HOUSE . . . . No. 429

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Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Prison Commissioners (House, No. 409). Social Welfare. January 11.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Construction by the Board of Prison Commissioners of Accommodations for Departments of Defective Delinquents.

*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. To provide for the establishment of de-  
2 partments for defective delinquents, authorized by chapter  
3 five hundred and ninety-five of the acts of the year nine-  
4 teen hundred and eleven, the board of prison commis-  
5 sioners are hereby authorized to construct at the Massa-  
6 chusetts reformatory or at the reformatory for women,  
7 such buildings as shall be needed for the proper care of  
8 such delinquents as shall be committed thereto.

1 SECTION 2. If in the opinion of said board it shall be  
2 expedient to establish an institution for such delinquents  
3 apart from either of said reformatories, and in place of

4 such departments, they may construct said buildings  
5 upon land obtained as hereinafter provided. If such  
6 buildings are so constructed, the institution shall be  
7 known as the Colony for Defective Delinquents, and  
8 persons may be committed thereto, held therein and re-  
9 leased therefrom in the manner provided in said chapter  
10 for the commitment to said departments, and for the  
11 custody and release of said persons.

1 SECTION 3. For the purpose of carrying out the pro-  
2 visions of this act, said board, with the approval of the  
3 governor and council, may purchase or take, in behalf of  
4 the commonwealth, land for said departments or said  
5 colony, but the expenditure for land so purchased or  
6 taken shall not exceed            thousand dollars. The  
7 expenditure for the construction and equipment, ready  
8 for occupancy, of buildings constructed as aforesaid shall  
9 not exceed            thousand dollars. So far as shall  
10 be practicable, the work of construction shall be per-  
11 formed by the labor of prisoners held in the Massa-  
12 chusetts reformatory. There shall be paid to the re-  
13 formatory for such labor, such sum as shall be fixed by  
14 said board, with the approval of the governor and council.

1 SECTION 4. The plans for buildings to be erected  
2 under the provisions of this act shall be subject to the  
3 approval of the state board of insanity and of the  
4 governor and council.

1 SECTION 5. The expenditures for carrying out the  
2 provisions of this act shall be paid from the prison in-  
3 dustries fund,

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.