

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2659

By Mr. Sullivan of Norwood, petition of Gregory William Sullivan relative to establishing an admission policy to community residential programs for mentally retarded persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADMISSION POLICY TO COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

*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 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following section:—

3 *Section 31.* A contract made by the department for com-  
4 munity residential programs for mentally retarded persons shall  
5 contain a provision:

6 (a) that said programs shall admit and treat mentally retarded  
7 persons suitable for said program without regard to whether they  
8 reside in the community of the area where said program is  
9 located, or in a state school;

10 (b) that said programs shall admit and treat all mentally  
11 retarded persons, suitable for said program, residing in the area  
12 where said program is located prior to admitting and treating  
13 mentally retarded persons residing in any other area.

14 The term "area" shall mean area as described by Section  
15 seventeen of this chapter.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 2, 1955

The Committee on Education

is holding hearings on the bill

to amend the act to provide for the

education of the children of

the armed forces and their

dependents who are in the

United States and who are

unable to attend school in

their home countries.

The bill was introduced by

Mr. [Name] of [State] and