

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and other members of the General Court relative to supportive services for women who have been involved with the criminal justice system. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

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 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws as
2 most recently amended by Section 1 of Chapter 647 of the Acts of
3 1977 is hereby further amended by inserting within paragraph (A)
4 a new sub-paragraph:
5 (15) provide comprehensive, coordinated services to females
6 who have been exposed to any phase or aspect of the criminal
7 justice system.

1 SECTION 2. For purposes of this Act, the term, "comprehen-
2 sive coordinated services" shall mean:
3 counselling; individual and career.
4 employment, skill training, and educational development and
5 placement.
6 identification of supportive service needs and provision of such
7 services through referral to appropriate agencies; such services
8 may include health (physical, emotional and gynecological),
9 housing, constructive leisure time and child care.
10 The program authorized by this clause shall be established and
11 operated under the provisions of an annual contract between the
12 department of public welfare and any corporation organized under
13 the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty which provides a
14 program of comprehensive, coordinated services to females who
15 have been exposed to any phase or aspect of the criminal justice

16 system. The operation costs and research for said programs shall
17 be funded by said department through the use of federal funds
18 obtained pursuant to 42 United States Code, Sections 1397-
19 1397(f).