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**SENATE . . . . . No. 328**

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By Mr. Walsh, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 328) of Joseph B. Walsh and Ruth Norris for legislation to define certain medical terms and methods of evaluating children requiring special education. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

**AN ACT DEFINING CERTAIN MEDICAL TERMS AND METHODS OF  
EVALUATING CHILDREN REQUIRING SPECIAL EDUCATION.**

*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 766 of the acts of 1972 is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 13 the following three sections: —
- 3 *Section 13A.* Biochemical defects shall be defined as con-
- 4 sidering both congenital conditions such as Hurler's Syndrome
- 5 of the various aminoacidurias, as well as acquired biochemical
- 6 problems such as diabetes mellitus, hypoglycemia, hypoadren-
- 7 ocorticism dysfunction, galactocemia, protein malabsorption,
- 8 tetany, predabetic, schizophrenia, autism, alcoholism.
- 9 *Section 13B.* Chronic illnesses shall be defined as including
- 10 all conditions such as allergies, specific food allergies, and
- 11 elements of environment, recurrent urinary tract infections,
- 12 rheumatic arthritis, cystic fibrosis, renal disease.
- 13 *Section 13C.* Nutrition can be evaluated on the basis of skin
- 14 folds, growth patterns, biochemical analysis, hair analysis,
- 15 blood, stool, urine, sublingual testing, functional x-ray, and
- 16 overall health.

