

By Ms. Amick, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 738) of Carol C. Amick and other members of the Senate that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the adequacy of laws and regulations designed for the care and protection of children. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

RESOLVED, TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE ADEQUACY OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS DESIGNED FOR THE CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

1 *Resolved*, that a special commission to consist of three  
2 members of the senate, five members of the house, the com-  
3 missioner of social services or his designee, the director of the  
4 office of children or his designee, and three persons including  
5 a foster parent to be appointed by the Governor, is hereby  
6 established for the purpose of making an investigation and  
7 study to determine the adequacy and effectiveness of laws per-  
8 taining to the care and protection of children. Said commis-  
9 sion shall review such laws and regulations, including but not  
10 limited to chapters 119, 201, and 210 of the general laws,  
11 relating to protection, guardianship, and adoption to insure  
12 that children in the care of the Commonwealth are provided  
13 with adequate and appropriate services. Said commission is  
14 also directed to assess and make recommendations relative  
15 to the role of substitute caregivers including foster families  
16 in the planning of child placements. Said commission shall  
17 report to the general court the results of its investigation and  
18 study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts  
19 of legislation to carry its recommendations into effect, by fil-  
20 ing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on  
21 or before the first Wednesday in November nineteen hundred  
22 and eighty-five.

