

SENATE No. 674

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 674) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the community impact of correctional facilities. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY IMPACT OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

1 *Resolved*, That there is hereby established a special
2 commission to study and investigate the community impact of
3 correctional institutions and their programs on the cities and
4 towns in which they are located and which are contiguous to such
5 correctional institutions. Said commission shall consist of three
6 members of the senate, five members of the house of
7 representatives, the commissioner of correction or his designee,
8 and five persons, who shall be from impacted communities, to be
9 appointed from the governor. The study and investigation shall
10 include, but not be limited to the following: the impact of pre-
11 release and work release programs in effect, if any, that such
12 programs have on the settlement of former inmates into such cities
13 and towns; the impact of inmates who are serving a life sentence
14 being held in a pre-release facility; and the impact and effect of
15 overcrowded correctional facility on the cities and towns in which
16 it is located.

17 Said commission shall make a report, including the findings and
18 recommendations, to clerks of the senate and house of
19 representatives, and the joint committee on human services by the
20 last Wednesday in December, nineteen hundred and ninety.

