

By Ms. Gibson of Belmont, petition of Mary Jane Gibson and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to visual sensory blindness and the appropriate teaching and rehabilitative methods. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY ON VISUAL SENSORY BLINDNESS AND THE APPROPRIATE TEACHING AND REHABILITATIVE METHODS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, consisting of three
2 members of the senate, five members of the house of
3 representatives, the commissioner of public health, the
4 commissioner of education or their designees and six persons
5 appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a research
6 professor one of whom shall be a psychologist, one of whom shall
7 be a neurologist, and one of whom shall be a person trained in
8 the education of the visually sensorially blind and who is also
9 visually sensorially blind, is hereby established for the purpose of
10 making an investigation and study of the invisibility handicapped,
11 whether congenitally or acquired accidentally, who are visually
12 sensorially blind, word blind, partially blind, or letter blind. Said
13 commission shall investigate and study methods to improve an
14 understanding of black blindness, treatment of same, improved
15 differential diagnosis, increased appropriate initial teaching, and
16 appropriate rehabilitative teaching of the legally blind, the newly
17 blind (reteaching), cerebral hemorrhage or cancer (rehabilitation)
18 and the learning disabled — adults and children for cost
19 containment and medical reasons.

20 Said commission shall file its final report including its
21 recommendations, if any, with the clerk of the house of
22 representatives on or before the last Wednesday in December
23 nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

