

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 717) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation to require the district attorneys and the Attorney General to file annual reports with the Governor and the General Court detailing the cases handled by their respective offices. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEVERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

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 12 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 27
3 the following section: —

4 Each of the several district attorneys and the attorney general
5 shall submit by the fifteenth day of September to the Governor,
6 the Joint Legislative Committee on Judiciary, the Joint
7 Legislative Committee on Criminal Justice, and the Committees
8 on Ways and Means of the Senate and the House of
9 Representatives an annual report detailing the activities of his or
10 her office for the previous fiscal year. Said report shall include,
11 but not be limited to the number of active cases being handled
12 by the several offices as of the last day of said fiscal year, the
13 number of such cases handled in the several district courts, and
14 the number of such cases handled in the superior court. Said
15 report shall also include the number of cases disposed of during
16 the fiscal year by trial, dismissal of the charges, plea agreement,
17 continuances without a finding, nol prosee, and in any other
18 manner.

19 Said report shall include the number of alleged offenses
20 reported to the office in the fiscal year and the office's response
21 by investigation or otherwise to said offenses.

22 Said report shall include the number of reports of alleged
23 offenses received by the office. Said report shall include the

24 number of said prosecutions initiated in response to such reports
25 and the outcome of said prosecutions including a description of
26 the sentences pursued and obtained by the office involving but
27 not limited to the following crimes: murder; non-negligent
28 manslaughter; negligent manslaughter; forcible rape; attempted
29 rape; robbery; aggravated assault; burglary; larceny; arson; the
30 sale, possession or distribution of controlled substances; the
31 operation of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol; child
32 sexual assault, abuse and neglect; the violation of the conditions
33 of a court ordered restraining order; the sale, use, storage, disposal
34 and transportation of hazardous materials, or other violations of
35 laws regarding environmental protection.

36 Said report shall include accompanying written explanations
37 and comments by each of the several district attorneys and by the
38 attorney general regarding the information provided by the
39 official in question.