

SENATE No. 1610

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 1, 1992.

The committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 241) of Bill Owens and Shirley Owens-Hicks for legislation to establish a public dispute resolution institute at the University of Massachusetts, reports, on the residue, the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1610).

For the committee,

BILL OWENS.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PUBLIC DISPUTE RESOLUTION INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 15 thereof the following section: —

3 Section 15A. The trustees shall establish an institute for public
4 dispute resolution, with branches at the Amherst and Boston
5 campuses. The institute shall, in cooperation with the office of
6 dispute resolution, in the executive office for administration and
7 finance, provide training for state and local elected officials and
8 employees in dispute resolution alternatives and techniques. The
9 institute shall give priority to the development of programs
10 pertaining to mediation and negotiation on budgetary issues. It
11 shall establish special training programs and workshops dealing
12 with budgetary and other conflict resolution in fiscally distressed
13 cities and towns.