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[Bill accompanying petition of D. D. ROURKE. Prisons.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Instruction of Illiterate Prisoners.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. The board of commissioners of prisons  
2 shall, in all penal and reformatory institutions under  
3 their control, make proper provision for the instruction  
4 of illiterate prisoners, so that no person committed to  
5 any of such institutions, whose term is long enough to  
6 admit of such instruction, shall leave the same without  
7 being able to read or write.

1 SECT. 2. All expenses incurred for instructors and  
2 their assistants and for books and other educational sup-  
3 plies shall be allowed and paid from the treasury of the  
4 Commonwealth in the same manner as other prison and  
5 reformatory expenses.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.





