

HOUSE No. 3904

By Mr. DiLorenzo of Boston, petition of George DiLorenzo for legislation to establish in the Department of Education a commission for mentally retarded children. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN.

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 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 1K the following section:—
- 3 *Section 1L.* There shall be in the department a commission
- 4 for mentally retarded children to consist of six members, one of
- 5 whom shall be the commissioner of education, ex-officio, and
- 6 the other five shall be initially appointed by the governor, one
- 7 for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a
- 8 term of three years, one for a term of four years and one for a
- 9 term of five years. Thereafter, at the expiration of the term of
- 10 office of an appointed member, his successor shall be appointed
- 11 by the governor for a term of five years. The commission shall
- 12 have supervision of the education of mentally retarded chil-
- 13 dren; provided, however, that the said commission shall have
- 14 no jurisdiction over children who have mental disturbances.

