

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2113

By Mr. Hatch of Beverly, petition of Francis W. Hatch, Jr., and other members of the House for legislation to establish the advisory committee on youth to advise on programs dealing with recreation and leisure hours of young people. State Administration.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON YOUTH.

*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. Section 17 of chapter 6 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the words "the commission  
3 on the employment of the handicapped," added by section 2  
4 of chapter 662 of the acts of 1958, the words:—advisory  
5 committee on youth.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 69 and inserting in place thereof, under  
3 the caption ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, the following  
4 section:—

5 *Section 69.* There shall be a committee, to be known as the  
6 advisory committee on youth, whose functions are to make  
7 specific evaluations of the performance by the youth service  
8 board of its functions and duties; to advise and make  
9 recommendations to said board; to interpret the work of the  
10 youth service board to the public and to enlist public  
11 cooperation therein; to support and advise the various  
12 departments and agencies of government and community and  
13 private organizations in the state which have or may have  
14 programs dealing with the recreation or leisure hours of

15 youth, in an effort to coordinate and strengthen the effective-  
16 ness and utilization of existing programs and facilities and to  
17 supply creative leadership in the formulation of new pro-  
18 grams and development of new facilities; and, generally, to  
19 advise, assist, and recommend coordination of appropriate  
20 departments and agencies of government and community and  
21 private organizations on any matter affecting the behavior,  
22 care, or welfare of children or youth.

23 The committee shall consist of fifteen members, who shall  
24 be influential citizens in their communities and recognized for  
25 their interest in youth, of whom three shall be from the  
26 county of Suffolk, two shall be from the county of Middlesex,  
27 one shall be from the county of Barnstable, Dukes or  
28 Nantucket, and one shall be from each of the counties of  
29 Berkshire, Bristol, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire,  
30 Norfolk, Plymouth and Worcester. The governor, by and  
31 with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint five  
32 to serve for six years, five to serve for four years, and five to  
33 serve for two years. Thereafter each member shall be  
34 appointed and confirmed for six years. Vacancies shall be  
35 filled by the governor for the unexpired term, subject to the  
36 advice and consent of the council. Failure to attend four  
37 successive regular meetings shall disqualify a member for  
38 further service and his position shall thereby be vacated. The  
39 committee shall elect from its members a chairman and a  
40 vice-chairman. A majority shall constitute a quorum. The  
41 committee shall hold meetings at the call of its chairman or  
42 of the youth service board or at the request of any three  
43 members of the committee at such times and places as its  
44 chairman may determine, but it shall hold not less than six  
45 meetings annually. The committee shall make such rules and  
46 orders for the regulation of its own proceedings as it shall  
47 deem necessary. The several members of the committee shall  
48 serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their  
49 necessary expenses incurred in connection with travel in the  
50 discharge of their official duties.

51 The committee shall have an executive director, who shall  
52 be appointed by the governor and who shall serve for a  
53 term of five years and until his successor is duly appointed  
54 and qualified. He shall receive such salary not to exceed

55 fifteen thousand dollars as the governor may determine, and  
56 shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office. He shall  
57 not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the  
58 General Laws. The committee shall also have such other  
59 research and clerical staff as the executive director may from  
60 time to time deem necessary or appropriate for carrying out  
61 the purposes of the committee. Such staff shall be appointed  
62 by the executive director with the approval of the committee.  
63 No member of the staff of the committee shall also be a  
64 member of said committee.

65 Subject to the approval of the commissioner of adminis-  
66 tration, the committee may apply for and accept on behalf of  
67 the commonwealth any funds or moneys from any source,  
68 including grants, bequests, gifts, or other payments made by  
69 the federal government and any agencies or subdivisions  
70 thereof or by any individual, corporation, association, or  
71 public authority. All such funds may be expended without  
72 specific appropriation in accordance with law.

73 Before the convening date of each regular session of the  
74 general court, the committee shall make a report to the  
75 governor and general court of its activities and accomplish-  
76 ments. The report to the general court shall be filed with the  
77 clerk of the house of representatives. The report shall include  
78 an account of progress made and activity planned in the area  
79 of youth and specific recommendations for legislation, if any,  
80 planned and drafted as a part of an integrated, unified and  
81 consistent program to serve the best interests of youth in  
82 furtherance of the purposes of this committee.

