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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 18, 1970.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of Public Health (House, No. 205) as relates to preschool learning disability screening and prevention (accompanied by bill, House, No. 216), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 5625).

For the committee,

LOUIS P. BERTONAZZI.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

### AN ACT RELATING TO PRESCHOOL LEARNING DISABILITY SCREENING AND PREVENTION.

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 67E the following section: —
- 3 *Section 67F.* The department is hereby authorized, subject
- 4 to appropriation to establish and administer a statewide pro-
- 5 gram for the perceptually handicapped preschool children in-
- 6 cluding the blind, deaf, and those with learning disabilities.
- 7 For the purposes of this section the department may contract
- 8 with and accept grants from any agency, public, private, or fed-
- 9 eral, and may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary
- 10 to carry out such purposes. Such purposes shall include but
- 11 not be limited to early identification and comprehensive treat-
- 12 ment for individual and groups.