

HOUSE No. 6067

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, July 30, 1970.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was referred so much of the report of the special commission established (under Chapter 77 of the Resolves of 1952 and most recently revived and continued by Chapter 3 of the Resolves of 1970) to make an investigation and study relative to retarded children and the training facilities available therefor (House, No. 5769) as relates to providing for the compulsory attendance at public schools of mentally retarded children (App. S), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 6067).

For the committee,

JOHN J. DESMOND.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF 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 76 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end Section 2B:

3 *Section 2B.* Every person in control of an educable
4 mentally retarded child or a trainable mentally retarded child
5 classified under General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 46, between
6 seven and eighteen, shall cause such child to attend a Special
7 Class in a public day school or a Special Class in some other
8 school approved by the Department of Education. Failure on
9 the part of any person in control of such a child to cause him to
10 attend such Special Class for seven day-sessions or fourteen
11 half-day sessions within any period of six months shall, on
12 complaint of the supervisor of attendance, be punished by a
13 fine of not more than twenty dollars.