

By Mr. Sisitsky of Springfield, petition of Alan D. Sisitsky relative to the appointment of probation officer aides in the city of Springfield. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

CAN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF PROBATION OFFICER AIDES IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

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

1 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the
2 superior court may appoint two probation officer aides for the
3 superior court at Springfield, the first justice of the district
4 court of Springfield may appoint three probation officer aides,
5 and the judge of the Springfield juvenile court may appoint
6 three probation officer aides. Said probation officer aides shall
7 be selected from students who are presently enrolled in the
8 New Careers Component of the Concentrated Employment
9 Program of the city of Springfield and who are recommended
10 by the director of said program and the chief probation officer
11 of the court involved. Any probation officer aides so appointed
12 shall serve for a period of two years and his salary shall be paid
13 by the new careers component of the concentrated employ-
14 ment program of the city of Springfield. It shall be the duty of
15 a probation officer aide to assist members of the probation
16 officers staff in providing comprehensive services in the proba-
17 tion department and: —

- 18 1. Interview probationer
- 19 2. Make social service referrals
- 20 3. Make inspections of probationers home and environment
- 21 4. Job development and placement
- 22 5. Aid in investigating violations
- 23 6. Counsel probationer
- 24 7. Compile progress reports

25 8. Help prepare probationer for social and economic return
26 into the community.

27 9. Develop rapport with probationer and provide feedback
28 for probation officer.

29 At the end of two years satisfactory service and if he has
30 obtained an associate degree in social sciences at an accredited
31 school, the probation officer aide may be appointed for an
32 additional two years service in the like manner as first ap-
33 pointed and shall be paid a salary not to exceed three-fourth
34 of the minimum salary of a probation officer in the court in
35 which he is appointed. In addition to the above duties, he shall
36 engage in job development and placement, investigations of
37 violations, inspection of home environment and counseling.

38 At the end of four years satisfactory service and if otherwise
39 qualified, a probation officer aide may be appointed a full time
40 probation officer.

41 The commissioner of probation may issue rules and regula-
42 tions to implement the probation officer aide program.