

By Mr. Bartley of Holyoke, petition of David M. Bartley for legislation to establish the procedure for the filing of reports with the General Court by executive departments and agencies. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PROCEDURE FOR THE FILING OF
REPORTS WITH THE GENERAL COURT BY EXECUTIVE DEPART-
MENTS AND AGENCIES.

*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. Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 5 the following section: —
3 *Section 5A.* It shall be the duty of the Secretary to dis-
4 tribute to and to collect from all state departments and
5 agencies within his executive office an annual statutory form
6 received by him from the General Court prior to June 30 of
7 each year. Answers to the questions on said form will provide
8 the General Court with information of a useful and necessary
9 nature for the proper discharging of its duties and responsi-
10 bilities. Therefore, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to
11 oversee the completion of all annual statutory forms so that all
12 questions are answered in full. The Secretary shall then forward
13 all statutory forms to the Office of the Secretary of State by
14 August 1 of the same year.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 17 the following section: —
3 *Section 17A.* The state secretary shall, upon receipt of all
4 annual statutory forms from all members of the Governor's
5 Cabinet or by August 15 of every year, whichever occurs first,
6 compile all statutory forms into a single report and have it

7 published. By November 1 of the same year copies of the
8 annual report shall be delivered to each member of the General
9 Court, the Clerk of each branch of the General Court, the
10 Governor, each member of the Governor's Cabinet, and the
11 State Library. Additional copies shall be made available for use
12 by the general public at cost.

1 SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the President of the
2 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to
3 determine which committee shall prepare and deliver the
4 annual statutory form.

1 SECTION 4. The filing of the statutory form by any depart-
2 ment or agency shall supersede the necessity of filing any other
3 annual report required by the General Court prior to the
4 effective date of this law.