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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1971.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill requiring probation officers to submit written reports in certain cases (House, No. 2302), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5365).

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. La FONTAINE

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT REQUIRING PROBATION OFFICERS TO SUBMIT WRITTEN  
REPORTS IN CERTAIN CASES.

*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 85 of chapter 276 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—  
3 If a person is found guilty of an offense punishable by  
4 imprisonment for more than one year, the probation officer  
5 shall, in addition to the probation record, and after such finding  
6 has been made, submit a report covering the defendant's family  
7 situation and background, economic status, education, occupa-  
8 tion, occupational history, personal habits, when available a  
9 report as to physical and mental condition, and any other  
10 matters that the probation officer may deem relevant.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4A of chapter 279 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—  
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4 imprisonment for more than one year, the probation officer  
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