

HOUSE No. 5516

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 10, 1971.

The committee on Education, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 546) of Thomas G. Simons for legislation to provide for the establishment of pre-school classes for children handicapped in speech, the cost of which shall be paid by the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 919) of Edward P. Coury that the Department of Education be directed to provide for the care and education of children who are blind, deaf, aphasic or mentally retarded; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1106) of Francis C. Lapointe relative to the payment of certain expenses by the Commonwealth of emotionally disturbed children in schools without the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2200) of John J. McGlynn relative to state reimbursement to towns and regional school districts for joint special education programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2386) of Robert A. Belmonte for legislation to require instruction for retarded educable and trainable persons in regional vocational schools; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3973) of Clifford H. Marshall for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the transportation of blind, deaf and emotionally disturbed children under special education programs of the Department of Education; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4568) of Donald T. Bliss that the education of retarded children be placed under the control and jurisdiction of the Department of Education; report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5516) ought to pass.

For the committee,

NICHOLAS J. BUGLIONE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION
ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE
TO TRAINING FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RETARDED CHILDREN.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, established by chapter
2 seventy-seven of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-two
3 and most recently revived and continued by chapter one of the
4 resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-one, shall, in the course
5 of its investigation and study, consider the subject matter of
6 current house documents numbered 546, providing for the
7 establishment of pre-school classes for children handicapped in
8 speech the cost of which shall be paid by the commonwealth;
9 919, directing the department of education to provide for the
10 care and education of children who are blind, deaf or aphasic or
11 both mentally retarded and blind; 1106, providing for payment
12 of certain expenses by the commonwealth of emotionally
13 disturbed children in schools without the commonwealth; 2200,
14 relating to reimbursement to joint special education programs;
15 2386, to require instruction for retarded educable and trainable
16 persons in regional vocational schools; of the investigation and
17 study proposed by current house document numbered 3973,
18 relative to the transportation of blind, deaf and emotionally
19 disturbed children under special education programs of the
20 department of education; and of current house document
21 numbered 4568, placing the control of the education of retarded
22 children under the exclusive jurisdiction of the department of
23 education.