

HOUSE No. 5548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 20, 1987.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill to provide for the use of land in Norfolk county as a temporary minimum security alternative center (Senate, No. 1787, changed), reports recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5548).

For the committee,

DAVID B. COHEN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF LAND IN NORFOLK COUNTY AS A TEMPORARY MINIMUM SECURITY ALTERNATIVE CENTER.

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. The county commissioners of Norfolk county are
2 hereby authorized to use the building known as the former nurses'
3 quarters on the grounds of the Norfolk county hospital for cor-
4 rectional purposes, to operate the Braintree alternative center.

5 Said center shall remain in operation only until June thirtieth,
6 nineteen hundred and eighty-nine or for thirty days after the open-
7 ing of a jail and house of correction replacing the present such
8 facility in the town of Dedham, whichever comes first.

9 The inmate population of said center shall at no time exceed
10 fifty-six. The physical character of the said nurses' quarters shall
11 not be changed. No court of the commonwealth shall sentence
12 any person to said center. All inmates housed at said center shall
13 be placed there by the authority of the sheriff of said county after
14 consultation with the chief of police of the town of Braintree, in
15 accordance with existing procedures.

16 Said sheriff shall operate said center as a temporary, minimum
17 security alternative center in accordance with the guidelines of said
18 county for the operation of such a center. No inmate shall be
19 housed at said center who does not conform to the provisions of
20 said guidelines. No inmate convicted of sexual offenses, break-
21 ing and entering a dwelling house or trafficking in controlled sub-
22 stances shall be housed at said center.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.