

By Ms. Gibson of Belmont, petition of Mary Jane Gibson and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of General Court) relative to the problem of visual sensory blindness and the appropriate teaching and rehabilitation methods. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE PROBLEM OF VISUAL SENSORY BLINDNESS AND THE APPROPRIATE TEACHING AND REHABILITATIVE METHODS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, consisting of three
2 members of the senate to be appointed by the President thereof,
3 five members of the house of representatives to be appointed by
4 the Speaker thereof, the commissioner of public health, the
5 commissioner of education, or their designees and six persons
6 appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a psychologist,
7 one of whom shall be a research professor, one of whom shall
8 be a neurologist, and one of whom shall be a person trained in
9 education of the Visually Sensorially Blind and who is also
10 Visually Sensorially Blind, is hereby established for the purpose
11 of making an investigation and study of the invisibly handicapped,
12 whether congenitally or acquired accidentally, who are Visually
13 Sensorially Blind, Word Blind, Partially Word Blind, or Letter
14 Blind. Said commission shall investigate and study methods to
15 improve understanding of the facts of Black Blindness, treatment
16 of same, improved differential diagnosis, increased appropriate
17 initial teaching, and appropriate rehabilitative teaching of the
18 Legally Blind, the Newly Blind (reteaching), Cerebral Hemmor-
19 rhage Cancer victims (rehabilitation) and the Learning Disabled
20 — adults and children for Cost Containment and Medical reasons.

