

HOUSE No. 5558

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 2, 1989.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 406) of Gregory W. Sullivan that parents of handicapped children be provided with certain information relative to the availability of assistance, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5558) ought to pass.

For the committee,

PAUL KOLLIOS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING INFORMATION TO PARENTS OF DISABLED CHILDREN.

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 111 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 24C the following section: —

3 Section 24D. The department shall, in cooperation with other
4 appropriate state agencies establish a program to provide
5 information to the parents of newly born handicapped children
6 as to the various federal, state and private programs of assistance
7 and financial aid available. The department shall prepare a written
8 pamphlet containing such information and shall distribute them
9 to all facilities offering maternity services.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 111 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 70F the following section: —

3 Section 70G. Any facility offering maternity services shall
4 upon the birth of a handicapped child give the parents the
5 pamphlet containing information of assistance available to them
6 provided for in section 24D.