

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1640

(Senate, August 8, 1991 — Offered by Senator Erving H. Wall, Jr.)

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1     *Ordered*, That a special committee to consist of five members  
2 of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, three  
3 of whom shall be members of the majority party and two of whom  
4 shall be members of the minority party, is hereby established for  
5 the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the  
6 advisability and feasibility of the proposed closing of the Lakeville  
7 hospital, Cushing hospital, Rutland hospital, Dever State school,  
8 Foxboro campus, Berry campus, Danvers State hospital,  
9 Metropolitan State hospital and the Northampton State hospital  
10 and the impact it will have on the health and welfare of the people  
11 of the commonwealth. Said committee shall, during the course  
12 of its investigation and study, consider the reasons for closing  
13 institutions generating revenues in excess of their operating costs;  
14 the possibility of leasing space in such institutions; the needs of  
15 special needs patients; the responsibility of the commonwealth to  
16 private facilities for patient care; and the legal basis for the  
17 governor's actions.

18     Said committee shall report from time to time to the senate the  
19 results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if  
20 any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its  
21 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of  
22 the senate on or before September thirtieth, nineteen hundred and  
23 ninety-one.

