

By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of John F. Dolan that cities and towns be authorized to establish and maintain local youth centers. Social Welfare.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LOCAL YOUTH COMMISSIONS.

*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 40 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 8D of said chapter 40 the  
3 following new section:—  
4 *Section 8E.* A city by ordinance or a town by by-law or by a  
5 vote of a town meeting may establish and maintain a local youth  
6 commission for the purpose of carrying out programs which may  
7 be designed or established to meet the opportunities, the chal-  
8 lenges and the problems of youth within any city or town and in  
9 conjunction with any similar or related programs by any state  
10 or federal agency of government. The membership of any city  
11 or town youth commission so established shall be appointed by  
12 the mayor in cities and by the board of selectmen in towns. The  
13 terms of the members so appointed shall be set by the appoint-  
14 ing authority, but shall not in any instance exceed a period of  
15 five years. Vacancies shall be filled in a like manner. A city or  
16 town youth commission may appoint, subject to the approval of  
17 their appointive authorities, such clerks and other employees as  
18 they may require, and within the limits of an annual appropri-  
19 ation therefor. Said commissions are empowered to apply for  
20 and receive any available state or federal funds, and may ac-  
21 cept gifts of buildings, funds or other property from any private  
22 source. Said commissions shall file an annual report of their  
23 activities and accomplishment, if any, which shall be included  
24 within the annual city or town report.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after clause 56, of said section 5,  
3 a new clause: —

4 Clause (57). For the purposes of conducting programs deal-  
5 ing with the opportunities, challenges and the problems of  
6 youth, and to establish and maintain facilities for the health,  
7 education, employment, welfare, and recreation of youth, as  
8 may be authorized by the provisions of section eight E of chap-  
9 ter forty, a sum not in excess of ten thousand dollars annually.