

By Mr. Buell of Boxford, petition of Robert C. Buell that the assistant commissioner for children's services in the Department of Mental Health be directed to transmit written reports to parents or guardians of children confined to institutions under the jurisdiction of said department. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO TRANSMIT A WRITTEN REPORT TO CERTAIN PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 19 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 8 the following section:—

3 *Section 8A.* The assistant commissioner for children's serv-
4 ices is ordered and directed to cause a written report to be
5 sent to the parents, next of kin or guardian of any child con-
6 fined to any institution under the jurisdiction of the depart-
7 ment, at six month intervals. Said report shall contain the
8 following information:

9 A. The general status of the individual's mental and
10 physical health at the time of the report;

11 B. The specific educational progress of the child during
12 the period covered by the report;

13 C. The specific therapy administered during the period
14 covered by the report and the desired purposes and results of
15 said therapy;

16 D. The specific dosages and types of drugs and or medi-
17 cations administered during the period covered by the re-
18 port and the purposes and results of the administration of
19 said drugs and/or medications;

20 E. The prognosis of the educability and progress of the
21 child.

