

By Representatives Nordberg of Reading and Pines of Newton, petition of John J. Buckley, Lois G. Pines and Nils L. Nordberg for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the take-over of the Middlesex County House of Correction by the Department of Correction. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE TAKEOVER OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION BY THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of five
2 members of the House of Representatives and three members of
3 the Senate, the Sheriff of Middlesex County or his designee, the
4 chairman of the Middlesex County Commissioners or his
5 designee, the Chief Justice of the Superior Court or his designee,
6 the Commissioner of the Department of Correction or his
7 designee, the Chairman of the Middlesex County Advisory
8 Board or his designee and two persons appointed by the
9 Governor which will include the President of the Correctional
10 Officer Union at the Middlesex County House of Correction, is
11 hereby established for the purpose of but not limited to making
12 an investigation and study of the feasibility of transferring and
13 conveying the Middlesex County House of Correction to the
14 Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Said transfer and conveyance
15 shall include the transfer of employees of the House of
16 Correction and the transfer and conveyance of all the right, title
17 and interest in and to the House of Correction in Middlesex
18 County, including the land and buildings occupied and known
19 generally as the County House of Correction, together with all
20 fixtures, furnishings, supplies and other property used by or in
21 connection with said institution and all land and real property
22 adjoining or appurtenant thereto and used in connection with
23 said institution or suitable for use for correctional purposes

24 including but not limited to recreational areas, farms, and
 25 parking facilities. The feasibility study shall include methods of
 26 integrating the county facility into the Department of Correction
 27 by June thirtieth, nineteen-hundred and seventy-seven. Said
 28 special commission shall report to the General Court the results
 29 of its investigation and study, and its recommendations together
 30 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommen-
 31 dations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the
 32 House of Representatives on or before the first Wednesday of
 33 December, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.