

By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 103) of Mark C. Montigny, Susan C. Fargo, Christine E. Canavan, Edward G. Connolly and other members of the General Court that provision be made to study trafficking of persons and involuntary servitude. Children and Families.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

RESOLVE STUDYING TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS AND INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE.

1 There shall be a special commission to study the issue of traf-
2 ficking of persons and involuntary servitude in the Common-
3 wealth. The commission shall consist of 3 members appointed by
4 the speaker of the house, including the chairs of the joint commit-
5 tees on health care and public safety, 3 members appointed by the
6 president of the senate, including the chairs of the joint commit-
7 tees on health care and public safety, the attorney general of the
8 commonwealth and 7 persons appointed by the governor con-
9 sisting of the secretary of health and human services, the secretary
10 of public safety, three representatives of the Trafficked Victims
11 Outreach and Services (TVOS) network, a representative of Jane
12 Doe, Inc. and a representative of the Massachusetts Immigrant
13 and Refugee Advocacy Coalition. The commission study shall
14 include, but not be limited to the following, the prevalence of traf-
15 ficking and involuntary servitude in the commonwealth, the harms
16 and consequences to victims of such activities, the ability and
17 capacity of existing social service and public benefits programs to
18 respond to the needs of such victims, the effectiveness of existing
19 victim witness laws, regulations, and services to respond to the
20 needs of such victims, the interplay of such programs with feder-
21 ally-funded victim service programs and the ability of state pro-
22 grams and licensing bodies to provide benefits, programs, and

23 licenses to such victims. The report shall include legislative and
24 administrative recommendations and be filed with the clerk of the
25 house of representatives and the clerk of the senate not later than
26 1 year from the effective date of this act.