

By Mr. Sullivan of Norwood, petition of Gregory William Sullivan, John G. King and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to services for mentally retarded persons. Human Services and Elderly Affairs

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO SERVICES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of two members
2 of the senate, two members of the house of representatives and nine
3 persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a
4 representative of the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Citi-
5 zens, one of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts
6 Development Disabilities Council, one of whom shall be a repre-
7 sentative of the Massachusetts Advocacy Center, one of whom
8 shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Council of Human
9 Service Providers, one of whom shall be a representative of the
10 Developmental Disabilities Law Center and two of whom shall be
11 representatives of the Mental Health Advisory Council, both of
12 whom shall be members of a mental retardation sub-committee of
13 a Community mental health and mental retardation area board
14 and one shall also be a member of said Mental Health Advisory
15 Council is hereby established to make an investigation and study
16 relative to the feasibility of creating a separate state agency to be
17 responsible for all those functions with respect to mentally re-
18 tardated persons now being exercised by the department of mental
19 health.

20 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of
21 its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, by
22 filing a preliminary report by November thirtieth, nineteen
23 hundred and eighty-one and a final report by December thirty-
24 first, nineteen hundred and eighty-one with the clerk of the house
25 of representatives.