

By Mr. Poirier of North Attleborough, petition of Kevin Poirier that the Commissioner of Youth Services be required to establish a prevention program for youthful offenders. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH OFFENDERS.

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 120 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1988
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking section 4 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 4. The commissioner of youth services shall establish
5 rules, regulations, and by-laws for the government of each institu-
6 tion and shall see that its affairs are conducted according to law
7 and to such rules, regulations, and by-laws. Said commissioner
8 shall, in coordination with the commissioner of the department of
9 correction, establish a prevention program designed to expose to
10 youth committed to the department of youth services prison life
11 within a State correctional facility administered by the department
12 of correction. The provisions of this section and of all education,
13 employment, training, discipline, recreation and other activities
14 carried on in the institutions shall be to reduce the rate of
15 recidivism among youth offenders, restore and build up their self-
16 respect and self-reliance, and qualify them for good citizenship
17 and honorable employment.

The first part of the report is devoted to a description of the general situation of the country, and to the results of the observations made during the voyage. The second part contains a detailed account of the various islands and harbours visited, and of the manners and customs of the inhabitants. The third part is a collection of the most interesting facts and observations which were made during the voyage.

Of the Climate and Air of the Country

The climate of the country is temperate, and the air is pure and healthy. The temperature is not very high, and the cold is not very severe. The winds are generally light and variable, and the sky is clear and bright.

Of the Soil and Produce of the Country

The soil is fertile, and the produce is abundant. The most common crops are rice, sugar, and tobacco. There are also many other kinds of fruit and vegetables which grow naturally in the country.

Of the Manners and Customs of the Inhabitants

The manners and customs of the inhabitants are very different from those of the Europeans. They are very simple and unpolished, but they are also very honest and industrious. They are very fond of music and dancing, and they spend much of their time in these amusements. They are also very superstitious, and they believe in many different kinds of spirits and demons. They are very respectful to their parents and their superiors, and they are very kind to their friends and neighbours. They are very brave and valiant, and they are very loyal to their country and their king. They are very fond of their families, and they are very affectionate to their children. They are very hardy and enduring, and they are very patient and tolerant. They are very good natured and cheerful, and they are very generous and hospitable. They are very industrious and diligent, and they are very frugal and economical. They are very brave and valiant, and they are very loyal to their country and their king. They are very fond of their families, and they are very affectionate to their children. They are very hardy and enduring, and they are very patient and tolerant. They are very good natured and cheerful, and they are very generous and hospitable. They are very industrious and diligent, and they are very frugal and economical.