

HOUSE No. 2106

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, petition of Shirley Owens-Hicks, Gloria L. Fox, Alvin E. Thompson and Frank G. Cousins, Jr., for legislation to provide for compulsory education in correctional facilities relative to illegal drug use and providing for voluntary rehabilitative treatment. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION CONCERNING ILLEGAL DRUG USE AND VOLUNTARY REHABILITATIVE TREATMENT.

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 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 49C, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, the
3 following section: —

4 Section 49D. The commissioner shall establish and maintain
5 a compulsory education program concerning illegal drug use for
6 persons committed to the custody of the department. The admin-
7 istrators of county correctional facilities shall establish and main-
8 tain such programs for persons committed to such facilities. Such
9 programs shall provide information regarding the harmful effects
10 of illegal drug use, and shall also provide information regarding
11 the availability of drug abuse treatment within such facilities and
12 within communities throughout the commonwealth.

13 Further, any inmate who requests rehabilitative treatment for
14 drug dependency shall be provided with such treatment while in
15 the custody of the correctional facility, provided that the common-
16 wealth shall bear the full cost of such rehabilitative treatment.

