

HOUSE No. 2611

By Mr. Tarr of Gloucester, petition of Bruce E. Tarr and Thomas G. Palumbo 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-Four.

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 insti-
6 tution 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
9 of correction, establish a prevention program designed to expose
10 to youth, committed to the department of youth services prison
11 life within a State correctional facility administered by the depart-
12 ment of correction. The provisions of this section and of all edu-
13 cation, employment, training, discipline, recreation and other
14 activities carried on in the institutions shall be to reduce the rate
15 of recidivism among youth offenders, restore and build up their
16 self-respect and self-reliance, and qualify them for good
17 citizenship and honorable employment.

