

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 17, 1994.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs to whom were recommitted the Bill to establish a fair hearing and grievance process in the Department of Social Services (House, No. 3582), the Bill requiring an annual audit of adoption agencies (House, No. 3587), and the Bill further regulating adoption agencies (House, No. 3588, changed), and on so much of the recommendations of the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation (House, No. 31) as relates to the Board of Registration of Social Workers (accompanied by bill, House, No. 51), so much of the recommendations of the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 210) as relates to the admissions of minors to mental health facilities (accompanied by bill, House, No. 212), and on so much of the recommendations of the Department of Social Services (House, No. 277) as relates to allowing social workers to disclose criminal activity (accompanied by bill, House, No. 278), and on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 518) of Michael J. Barrett for legislation relative to the rates charged to recipients of nursing home services, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 524) of Louis P. Bertonazzi for legislation relative to eligibility for certain public assistance programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 532) of James P. Jajuga, Evelyn G. Chesky, Thomas G. Palumbo and Arthur J. Broadhurst for legislation to require applicants for public assistance to be residents of the Commonwealth for at least six months and to be fingerprinted, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 533) of James P. Jajuga, Thomas G. Palumbo and Arthur J. Broadhurst for legislation to limit the amount of benefits received by certain recipients of public assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 534) of James P. Jajuga, Frank G. Cousins, Jr., Thomas G. Palumbo and Arthur J. Broadhurst for legislation to provide for the implementation of a voucher program for the disbursing of a clothing

allowance to recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 540) of William R. Keating and John H. Rogers for legislation to establish an educare program for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 543) of Brian P. Lees, Joseph F. Wagner and Jane M. Swift for legislation to provide for direct payment of rent of certain recipients of public assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 544) of Brian P. Lees, Evelyn C. Chesky and Joseph F. Wagner for legislation to authorize the Department of Public Welfare to develop a pilot program for Hampden County to utilize fingerprints to identify recipients of public assistance in order to prevent fraud, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 545) of Brian P. Lees, Evelyn G. Chesky and Joseph F. Wagner for legislation to require presentation of photographic identification cards in order to receive public assistance benefits, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 546) of Brian P. Lees and Jane M. Swift for legislation relative to Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 547) of Brian P. Lees, Evelyn G. Chesky, Charles E. Shannon, Joseph F. Wagner and Jane M. Swift for legislation relative to welfare fraud, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Brian P. Lees for legislation relative to availability to the public of certain public assistance records, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 551) of Brian P. Lees for legislation relative to welfare recipients causing damage to rental property, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 558) of David P. Magnani, Frederick E. Berry and John A. Stefanini for legislation to further regulate the reporting of welfare fraud, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 560) of David P. Magnani and Frederick E. Berry for legislation to provide for the implementation of certain components of the women, infants, and children programs at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution located in Framingham, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 563) of Linda J. Melconian, Stanley C. Rosenberg, Robert D. Wetmore and Shannon P. O'Brien for legislation relative to a review of the operation and effectiveness of the Department of Mental Health, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 577) of Therese Murray, Sally Fitch Marney and Arlene Toscano for legislation to provide for a study of the feasibility of creating a woman's shelter to be run by the Cape Cod Center For Women, Inc., in the town of

Mashpee, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 581) of Shannon P. O'Brien and Nancy Flavin for legislation to require welfare identification cards to have a thumbprint of the applicant imprinted thereon, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 582) of Shannon P. O'Brien and Evelyn G. Chesky for legislation to establish an educare program for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 583) of Lois G. Pines, William R. Keating, Robert A. Havern, Mark C. Montigny, David P. Magnani, Althea Garrison and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to provide universally accessible and available early childhood programs, the petition (accompanied by bill Senate, No. 588) of Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation to improve the role and function of area advisory boards in the Department of Social Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 589) of Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation relative to the protection and care of children, the petition (accompanied by bill Senate No. 595) of Alfred J. Foley for legislation to authorize and direct the Secretary of Elder Affairs to develop a program of fingerprinting home care workers employed by home care service providers, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 599) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation relative to the standards required for family foster care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House No 353) of Mary Jane Simmons and Emile J. Goguen that provision be made for direct rent payments to landlords by the Department of Public Welfare on behalf of welfare recipients, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 532) of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to establish the children and disabled persons protection division within the office of the Inspector General, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 724) of Local 509, SEIU, and Susan M. Tracy relative to the qualifications for the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1262) of Edward J. Clancy, Jr., for legislation to require the Department of Public Welfare to release the housing authority of the city of Lynn, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1263) of Theophilos Kosmos, Brian S. Dempsey, James P. Jajuga and Thomas G. Palumbo for legislation to further regulate the placement of certain group homes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1268) of Kathleen Bourdon for legislation to increase the number of children a family day care home may receive for temporary custody and care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No 1509) of

Jeffery J. Hayward and Edward J. Clancy, Jr., for legislation to require the Department of Public Welfare to release certain information to the housing authority of the city of Lynn, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1659) of Robert A. DeLeo for legislation to establish a special commission to examine health care needs for certain disabled persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1674) of Gary M. Coon and other members of the House relative to revising benefits under the program of aid to families with dependent children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1675) of Walter A. DeFilippi and other members of the House for legislation to require the thumb print of applicants on welfare identification cards, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1676) of Walter A. DeFilippi and other members of the House for legislation to require school attendance for certain persons as a condition of continued state aid, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1854) of James T. Brett for legislation to provide for medical assistance to needy elders, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1856) of William Constantino, Jr., Mary Jeanette Murray and Walter A. DeFilippi that the Department of Youth Services be placed under the jurisdiction of the Executive Office of Public Safety, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2034) of Gary M. Coon and Kevin Poirier for legislation to further regulate the program for aid to families with dependent children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2036) of Gary M. Coon that the Commissioner of Youth Services be required to establish a prevention program for youthful offenders, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2223) of Kevin Poirier for legislation to require a waiting period of ninety days for applying for assistance by the Department of Public Welfare, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2224) of Kevin Poirier that the Commissioner of Youth Services be required to establish a prevention program for youthful offenders, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2606) of Walter A. DeFilippi that programs operated by municipal recreational departments be exempt from the law relative to the definition of school age child care programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2608) of Thomas G. Palumbo for legislation to further regulate the transfer of food stamps issued by the Department of Public Welfare, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2611) of Bruce E. Tarr and Thomas G. Palumbo that the Commissioner of Youth Services be required to establish a prevention program for

youthful offenders, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2612) of Bruce E. Tarr relative to investigations of certain cases of child abuse in the offices of the district attorneys, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2797) of Albert Herren relative to allowing social workers to disclose criminal activity, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2798) of Albert Herren for legislation to establish "time lines" for social workers in the Department of Social Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2802) of Albert Herren for legislation to provide basic assistance to battered, homeless, deinstitutionalized and other non-employable persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2812) of Philip Travis relative to the right to treatment for disabled persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3000) of Kevin G. Honan, Althea Garrison and W. Paul White relative to providing for consolidation planning by the Department of Mental Health, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3196) of William Constantino, Jr., for legislation to require twenty-four months residency for eligibility for benefits by the Department of Public Welfare, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3200) of Ronald Mariano for legislation to establish workfare in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3203) of Robert C. Lawless for legislation to authorize the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions to issue a license to practice as an educational psychologist to Myrna Aronson of the town of Sudbury, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3581) of Marie J. Parente and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate investigations of certain cases of child abuse in the offices of district attorneys, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3582) of Marie J. Parente and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a fair hearings and grievance process in the Department of Social Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3584) of Marie J. Parente and other members of the General Court relative to the rights of extended family members in care and protection proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3587) of Marie J. Parente relative to requiring an annual audit of adoption agencies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3588, changed) of Marie J. Parente relative to further regulating adoption agencies, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3591) of Edward B. Teague III and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate the time of residency, for applicants

for public assistance administered by the Department of Public Welfare, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3767) of Evelyn G. Chesky for legislation to prohibit drug offenders from receiving public assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3768) of Evelyn G. Chesky relative to aid to families with dependent children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3769) of James H. Fagan for legislation to regulate the transfer of certain patients or inmates by the Department of Mental Health to the Taunton State Hospital, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3772) of J. Michael Ruane that provision be made for direct rent payments to landlords by the Department of Public Welfare on behalf of welfare recipients, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3773) of Byron Rushing and other members of the General Court relative to ensuring equal access to services for all residents of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3774) of Byron Rushing and other members of the House relative to the restoration of payment standards under the program for aid to families with dependent children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3775) of Douglas W. Stoddart for legislation to further regulate day care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4148) of Daniel E. Bosley relative to the licensing of psychologists, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4149) of Marie-Louise Kehoe, Mary Jane Simmons and Lida E. Harkins relative to the licensing and qualifications of psychotherapists, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4157) of David B. Cohen for legislation to establish an early childhood trust fund for the purpose of providing certain social and educational programs for children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4366) of Jeffery J. Hayward for legislation to further regulate reimbursements to foster parents by the Department of Social Services and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4369) of Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to provide suitable recognition of residents of the Commonwealth who served in the armed forces of the United States during the Persian Gulf Conflict reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4910) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

PAUL KOLLIOS.

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Ordered, That the committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of Senate documents numbered 518, 524, 532, 533, 534, 540, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 549, 551, 558, 560, 563, 577, 581, 582, 583, 588, 589, 595 and 599; and House documents numbered 51, 212, 278, 353, 532, 724, 1262, 1263, 1268, 1509, 1659, 1674, 1675, 1676, 1854, 1856, 2034, 2036, 2223, 2224, 2606, 2608, 2611, 2612, 2797, 2798, 2802, 2812, 3000, 3196, 3200, 3203, 3581, 3582, 3584, 3587, 3588, 3591, 3767, 3768, 3769, 3772, 3773, 3774, 3775, 4148, 4149, 4157, 4366 and 4369, relative to human services and elderly affairs.

Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in December, nine hundred and ninety-four.

