

By Mr. Lewis, a petition of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing an independent office to monitor certain benefits for retarded. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT OFFICE TO MONITOR CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR THE RETARDED.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of three mem-
2 bers of the senate, four members of the house of representatives
3 and two persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom
4 shall be qualified by education and experience in mental retarda-
5 tion and one of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts
6 Coalition of Families and Advocates for the Retarded is hereby
7 established for the purpose of making an investigation and study
8 relative to establishing an independent office to monitor com-
9 pliance with state and federal regulations of benefits to retarded
10 citizens and to insure maximum benefits from appropriations for
11 services to the retarded. Said commission shall, as a part of said
12 study and investigation a review proposed by the Massachusetts
13 Coalition of Families and Advocates for the Retarded.

14 Said commission may request assistance in said investigation
15 and study from state, municipal and private agencies which
16 expend public funds on retarded citizens and such agencies shall
17 cooperate with said commission.

18 Said commission shall report to the general court the results
19 of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any,
20 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
21 mendation into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the sen-
22 ate on or before the last Wednesday in November, nineteen
23 hundred and eighty-nine.

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