

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 21, 1992.

The committee on Human Services and Elderly Affairs, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of Mental Health (House, No. 163) as relates to providing an alternative approval system for treatment with antipsychotic medication (accompanied by bill, House, No. 166), and on the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 536) of Louis P. Bertonazzi for legislation relative to eligibility for certain public assistance programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 539) of Walter J. Boverini for legislation to further define the appeal process regarding veterans, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 564) of Martin J. Dunn for legislation to further define a general relief family, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 549) of Martin J. Dunn for legislation to further regulate reciprocal agreements with other states regarding public assistance benefits, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 550) of Martin J. Dunn for legislation to require the State Auditor to prepare a welfare reform report, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 553) of Martin J. Dunn for legislation relative to rent allowances for certain recipients of public assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 559) of Robert A. Havern for legislation relative to the establishment of a voluntary advisory board for gay and lesbian services under the Executive Office of Human Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 562) of James P. Jajuga, Brian S. Dempsey and Thomas G. Palumbo for legislation to require applicants for public welfare benefits to be residents of the Commonwealth for at least twelve months, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 563) of James P. Jajuga, Thomas G. Palumbo, Richard R. Tisei, Gary M. Coon, Brian S. Dempsey and Larry F. Giordano for legislation to provide for certain recipients of certain assistance from the Commonwealth to perform community service, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 566) of George Pereira for legislation relative to benefits for certain wartime benefits for certain wartime volunteers, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate,

No. 567) of William R. Keating and Louis L. Kafka for legislation to require the Department of Mental Health to notify crime victims or their families of the release of certain criminals, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 569) of William R. Keating and Shannon P. O'Brien for legislation to establish an educare program for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 571) of William R. Keating for legislation relative to retention in certain facilities of persons whose discharge would create the likelihood of serious harm, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 572) of William R. Keating, Michael W. Morrissey, Louis L. Kafka and Daniel J. Valianti for legislation to establish a waiting period for certain benefits for new residents applying for certain welfare assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 578) of Brian P. Lees for legislation to provide for direct payment of rent of recipients of public assistance, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 586) of Linda J. Melconian for legislation relative to arrearage payments for AFDC recipients, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 587) of Charles N. Decas for legislation to establish a second assistant register of deeds for Plymouth County, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 590) of Linda J. Melconian for legislation to provide for the establishment of a division within the Department of Elder Affairs to monitor the activities of elder guardians or conservators, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 602) of Lois G. Pines and David B. Cohen for legislation to provide universally accessible and available early childhood programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 610) of Stanley C. Rosenberg for legislation relative to the functions of area advisory boards in the Department of Social Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 618) of W. Paul White and M. Joseph Manning for legislation to direct the Board of Registration of Social Workers to enroll James M. Hurley as a licensed social worker, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 365) of Walter A. DeFilippi for legislation to require school attendance for certain persons as a condition of continued state aid, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 366) of Walter A. DeFilippi and Robert J. Rohan for legislation to provide for direct rent payments to landlords by the Department of Public Welfare on behalf of welfare recipients, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 568) of John C. Bradford relative to establishing a program

utilizing volunteers to provide child care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 737) of Joseph N. Hermann relative to notice of release or discharge of certain juveniles from facilities of the Department of Youth Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 741) of Kevin O'Sullivan for legislation to establish a Massachusetts human services corps within the office of the Secretary of Human Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 747) of Angelo M. Scaccia and another for legislation to further define the term "Lebanese Peace Keeping Force Veteran", the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 932) of Marie J. Parente for legislation to require foster care placements to be made in the best interests of the child, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 934) of Marie J. Parente and another for legislation to prohibit the sale of property owned by the Department of Mental Health, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 936) of Marie J. Parente relative to the establishment of a mental health trust, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1140) of Walter A. DeFilippi, Robert J. Rohan and Mary Jane McKenna 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. 1900) of Kevin G. Honan, Thomas P. Walsh, Daniel E. Bosley, Daniel J. Valianti, William F. Cass and Louis L. Kafka for legislation to establish drug education, health education and other training programs by the National Guard for youths in urban areas, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2078) of Paul C. Casey for legislation to reduce the number of audits relative to the Department of Mental Retardation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2079) of Paul C. Casey that the Department of Mental Retardation be directed to conduct an examination of the service coordination system for the prevention of wasteful expenditures, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2089) of Alvin E. Thompson, other members of the General Court and another relative to the establishment of a voluntary advisory board under the Executive Office of Human Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2091) of Alvin E. Thompson, Gloria L. Fox, Bill Owens, Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., and Shirley Owens-Hicks relative to the establishment of a voluntary advisory board under the Executive Office of Human Services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2313) 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. 2454) of Peter I. Blute for legislation to require the Department of Mental Health to privatize certain laundry services at institutions under the control of said department, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2671) of Kevin W. Fitzgerald and other members of the General Court for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the development of a child support assurance system, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2677) of Byron Rushing and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide that information about the Office for Children be given to potential clients, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2830) of John R. Driscoll and other members of the House that the Commissioner of Youth Services be required to establish a prevention program for youthful offenders, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3022) of Marie-Louise Kehoe and another relative to the priority for payment of attorneys' fees from federal supplemental security income awards, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3023) of Francis G. Mara relative to the care and protection of certain pregnant women, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3024) of Mary Jane McKenna for a change in the law relative to family day care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3169) of David B. Cohen and other members of the General Court 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. 3171) of Larry F. Giordano, and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate general relief under the public assistance law in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3175) of Larry F. Giordano and other members of the General Court for legislation to further regulate eligibility for aid to families with dependent children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3374) of David F. Delorey relative to public access to certain records of the Department of Public Welfare, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3592) of Marc R. Pacheco that provision be made to afford disabled veterans the same special treatment granted to women, minorities, the socially and the economically disadvantaged and other special groups with respect to

all legislation or regulations, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3593) of Edward B. Teague III and other members of the House 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. 3737) of Barbara Hildt, Stanley C. Rosenberg and Christopher J. Hodgkins relative to children and families in need of services, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3742) of Emanuel G. Serra for legislation to establish a program to pay excess rental expenses to certain welfare recipients remaining in their homes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3917) of Thomas G. Palumbo relative to establishing a program utilizing volunteers to provide child care, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4112) of John F. Cox relative to the care and protection of certain pregnant women, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4264) of SEIU Local 509, Albert Herren and Daniel J. Valianti relative to "time lines" for social workers in the Department of Social Services, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4265) of Robert H. Marsh for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to cost effectiveness and contractual compliance of certain human service vendor contracts, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4266) of SEIU Local 509 and Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to regulate the operation of newly constructed residences by the Department of Mental Health, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 4677) of Andrew Collaro for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the distribution of funds by the Office of Elder Affairs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4678) of John R. Driscoll for legislation to further regulate the reporting of child abuse, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4681) of Richard Leroux for legislation to establish a homeless fund in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4683) of Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to prohibit the Department of Public Welfare from issuing benefits to certain persons unless they are attending an elementary or secondary school or have graduated from a secondary school, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4686) of Gregory W. Sullivan for legislation to establish a fuel assistance fund for elderly persons within the Department of Public Welfare, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4879) of Frances Rigol for

legislation to further regulate eligibility for the food stamp program, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4881) of Larry F. Giordano for legislation to establish a bill of rights for foster parents, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4882) of Sally P. Kerans and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for oversight and monitoring of the care of certain persons with mental illness or mental retardation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4884) of Virginia Cabral for legislation to further regulate eligibility requirements for certain programs administered by the Department of Public Welfare under the aid for families with dependent children programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4885) of the Massachusetts Democratic Leadership Council, Inc., A. Stephen Tobin and other members of the House for legislation to provide programs and policies for the development of children and families, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4886) of the Massachusetts Democratic Leadership Council, Inc., A. Stephen Tobin and other members of the House for legislation to provide for welfare reform in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4887) of Douglas W. Stoddart and another for legislation to further regulate day care agreements by the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4888) of Douglas W. Stoddart and another relative to the standard for group day care centers established by the Office for Children, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4889) of Paul Lewis and another for legislation to further regulate the placement of minors in certain residences, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5055) of Mary Jane Gibson and other members of the General Court relative to the licensing of psychologists, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5276) 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, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5693) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

PAUL KOLLIOS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Human Services and Elderly
2 Affairs be authorized to sit during the current session and during
3 the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an
4 investigation and study of current Senate documents num-
5 bered 536, 539, 546, 549, 550, 553, 559, 562, 563, 566, 567, 569,
6 571, 572, 578, 586, 587, 590, 602, 610 and 618; and current House
7 documents numbered 166, 365, 366, 568, 737, 741, 747, 932, 934,
8 936, 1140, 1900, 2078, 2079, 2089, 2091, 2313, 2454, 2671, 2677,
9 2830, 3022, 3023, 3024, 3169, 3171, 3175, 3374, 3592, 3593, 3737,
10 3742, 3917, 4112, 4264, 4265, 4266, 4677, 4678, 4681, 4683, 4686,
11 4879, 4881, 4882, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4889, 5055
12 and 5276, concerning public assistance programs and other
13 related matters.

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

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