

HOUSE No. 2084

By Mr. Linsky of Brookline, petition of Elliot L. Richardson, Martin A. Linsky and another that the Commissioner of Probation be authorized to expend money for demonstration programs of intensive, community-based probation services for juvenile offenders. Social Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF PROBATION TO FUND DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS OF INTENSIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED PROBATION SERVICES FOR JUVENILE 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 SECTION 1. Section 99 of chapter 276 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph
3 thereof the following paragraph:—

4 The commissioner of probation may expend such sums as
5 may be appropriated, and such sums as may be received in
6 the form of gift, grant, or loan of money from the federal
7 government or from any foundation, corporation, person, or
8 other private source to provide grants to cities, towns,
9 counties, and local public agencies working in cooperation
10 with one or more district or juvenile courts, or to district or
11 juvenile courts, to develop, conduct, and evaluate experi-
12 mental and demonstration programs which provide, as an
13 alternative to institutionalization, community-based inten-
14 sive supervision and treatment of and services to delinquent
15 youths who have been placed on probation. Such grants shall
16 be consistent with regulations established by the commis-
17 sioner, with the approval of the committee on probation.
18 Priority shall be given to communities with serious delin-
19 quency problems and to proposals providing for the com-

20 mitment of significant amounts of private, local public, or
21 federal resources in addition to funds sought from the com-
22 monwealth. Preference shall be given to programs providing
23 for significant participation of the youth of the community in
24 their development and implementation. To qualify for fund-
25 ing, programs must provide for evaluation of their effective-
26 ness. Programs may provide, but need not be limited to,
27 counseling, tutoring, vocational training, recreation, and
28 medical services. Programs may involve the appointment of
29 additional probation officers and deputy probation officers, as
30 well as the employment of the other professionals and sub-
31 professional aides.

1 SECTION 2. Section 99A of chapter 276 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the seventh paragraph
3 thereof the following paragraph:—

4 Pursuant to section ninety-nine, the committee, in con-
5 sultation with the commissioner of probation, shall review,
6 and approve or disapprove, regulations proposed by the
7 commissioner governing the funding of community-based
8 programs of intensive probation services for delinquent
9 youths.