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CHAPTER 959
SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

Sec.

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§ 3501. Program established

The department shall provide, or cooperate with other public agencies in providing a program of services for the blind, including the prevention of blindness, the locating of blind persons, medical service for eye conditions, vocational guidance and training of the blind, the placement of blind persons in employment, assistance to the blind in marketing the products of home industries, the instruction of the adult blind in their homes, and other social services to the blind.

1963, c. 433, § 2.

§ 3502. Education of blind children

Upon the request of the parents or guardians, the department may send such blind children as it may deem fit subjects for education, for a term not exceeding 10 years, and thereafter in the discretion of the department, in the case of any pupil, to the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind at Watertown, Massachusetts or other school considered by the department to be qualified to provide suitable education for the blind child. In the exercise of the discretionary power conferred by this section, no distinction shall be made on account of the wealth or poverty of the parents or guardians of such children. No such pupil shall be withdrawn from such institution except with the consent of the proper authorities thereof or of the Governor. The sums necessary for the support and instruction of such pupils in such institution, including all traveling expenses of such pupils attending such institution, shall be paid by the State. Nothing herein contained shall be held to prevent the voluntary payment of the whole or any part of such sums by the parents or guardians of such pupils.

1963, c. 433, § 2.