

HOUSE No. 137

By Mr. Wotjkowski of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas C. Wojtkowski relative to the establishment of maximum unit costs of construction by the School Building Assistance Commission and for effecting certain economies. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MAXIMUM UNIT COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION BY THE SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE COMMISSION AND FOR EFFECTING CERTAIN ECONOMIES.

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. The first paragraph of section 8 of chapter 645
2 of the acts of 1948, as appearing in section 4 of chapter 703 of
3 the acts of 1957, is hereby amended by striking out the last sen-
4 tence.

1 SECTION 2. The third paragraph of said section 8 of said
2 chapter 645, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 528 of the acts
3 of 1950, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
4 following sentences:— Such final approved cost shall be based
5 on the actual cost of the approved project as determined by the
6 commission or upon the cost derived from the application of
7 maximum unit costs of construction to such project, whichever
8 is the lesser. The commission shall, from time to time, estab-
9 lish such maximum unit costs of construction as it deems ad-
10 visable, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing,
11 such unit costs may vary with the size, type and location of the
12 project. In applying maximum unit costs to a specific project,
13 the commission shall use such unit costs as were established next
14 prior to the date of the award of the contract for the construc-
15 tion of such project. For the purpose of effecting economies,
16 the commission, in computing the final approved cost of a project,

17 shall exclude any amounts expended on such project for the
18 inclusion therein of a swimming pool, cupola, planetarium,
19 stadium, such part of an auditorium as is in excess of a capacity
20 which the commission deems adequate and any additional items
21 of whatever nature which in the opinion of the commission will
22 not impair the usefulness and adequacy of the school project.
23 The commission's determination of the extent and amounts of
24 such exclusions shall be final and conclusive.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall not apply to
2 projects which have been approved or shall have been approved
3 by the commission prior to March first, nineteen hundred and
4 fifty-nine, and as to such projects the final approved cost shall
5 be determined in accordance with the provisions of said chapter
6 six hundred and forty-five as in effect immediately prior to the
7 passage of this act.