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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, November 30, 1926.

*To the General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

In accordance with the provisions of section 33 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as amended by section 43 of chapter 362 of the acts of 1923, copies of the recommendations for legislation to be contained in the annual report of this Department (Pub. Doc. No. 2) are submitted herewith, together with drafts of bills embodying the legislation recommended. These drafts have been submitted to the counsel for the House of Representatives, as required by law.

Very truly yours,

PAYSON SMITH,  
*Commissioner of Education.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

I. STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TUITION OF STATE WARDS  
IN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS.

At present, tuition for State wards and wards of the city of Boston, in attendance upon vocational schools in cities and towns where they are placed, is paid by the respective custodians (for State wards by the Department of Public Welfare, and for city wards by the school department), and the city (Boston) is reimbursed under the non-resident provisions (section 10, chapter 75, General Laws).

There is now no authority for payment of tuition by the State for State wards attending county agricultural schools and placed in a town in the county in which said school is located.

The proposed legislation corrects this omission and specifically authorizes the payment of such tuition.

II. TRANSPORTATION OF STATE WARDS TO VOCATIONAL  
SCHOOLS IN TOWNS OTHER THAN THAT OF RESIDENCE.

At present, there is provision for payment of tuition for State wards placed in towns, for whom vocational work is desired in another town, but there is no provision whereby they may have their transportation paid.

Cases have arisen where the payment of such transportation of these wards was necessary if this type of educational opportunity was to be extended to them.

It is desirable that this be made possible by legislation.

III. AN ACT FIXING THE TIME OF MEETINGS OF THE  
ADVISORY BOARD OF THE DIVISION OF IMMIGRATION  
AND AMERICANIZATION.

Section 12 of Chapter 15 of the General Laws requires that the Advisory Board of the Division of Immigration and Americanization shall meet at least once a month. The work of the Division does not now require monthly meetings of the Board. It is recommended that the law

be changed so that said Board shall meet quarterly and at such times as may be decided upon by the director or by any three members.

IV. RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PARCEL OF LAND AT THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL AT HYANNIS.

A number of years ago the town of Barnstable deeded to the State a parcel of land upon which was located a district school. The main portion of the land sets back about 140 feet with a narrow passageway to Main Street. The passageway has been properly posted in accordance with legal requirements during the past years. This passageway is now of no possible use to the school. The land is approximately 8 feet wide and 127 feet long, containing 1,035 square feet more or less. The Department asks for authority to sell this strip of land.

V. RESOLVE TO REIMBURSE THE NEW BEDFORD TEXTILE SCHOOL FOR THE LOSS OF CERTAIN MONEYS OF SAID SCHOOL.

On June 15 and September 10, 1923, thefts occurred at the New Bedford Textile School, resulting in a shortage in the cash of \$148.24. The sum of \$148.24 should be appropriated to balance the school accounts.

VI. RESOLVE TO REIMBURSE THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF ART FOR THE LOSS OF CERTAIN MONEYS OF SAID SCHOOL BY THEFT.

On November 24, 1924, the cash box at the Massachusetts School of Art was stolen. The box contained cash in the amount of \$150. The matter was reported to both local and State police, but no clue was ever received as to the whereabouts of the box. The sum of \$150 should be appropriated to balance the school accounts.

