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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 11, 1945.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Commissioner of Education (House, No. 71) as relates to the school attendance of certain blind children (accompanied by bill, House, No. 76), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1776).

For the committee,

FANNIE M. BUZZELL.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF CERTAIN BLIND CHILDREN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter seventy-six of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section two A, as appearing  
3 in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following:—

5 *Section 2A.* Every person in control of a deaf or  
6 blind child between seven and eighteen shall cause  
7 such child to attend some suitable school, approved  
8 by the department, where the deaf are taught speech  
9 and speech reading, and where the blind are educated  
10 to meet their needs, as the case may be; provided,  
11 that this section shall not apply to such a child whose  
12 mental condition or whose physical condition in other  
13 respects than deafness or blindness is such as to render  
14 such attendance inexpedient or impractical or who is  
15 being given private instruction, approved by the  
16 department, during the time the public schools are in  
17 session. Failure for one month during any school year  
18 by any person in control of such a child to cause his  
19 attendance as aforesaid shall, on complaint by a sup-  
20 pervisor of attendance, be punished by a fine of not  
21 more than twenty dollars.