

reports, and of legislation concerning education, and who shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the commissioner, and, during the absence or disability of the commissioner, shall perform his duties.

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AN ACT PROVIDING TEMPORARILY FOR A COURSE OF SCHOOL INSTRUCTION BEYOND THE REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF VETERANS AND OTHERS. *Chap. 532*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend, in part, to defeat its purpose, which is to provide immediately a course of school instruction beyond the regular high school course of instruction for veterans and others who are unable to secure admission to educational institutions of higher training on account of crowded conditions in such institutions, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary for the preservation of the public convenience. Emergency preamble.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. If the school committee of any city or any town determines that sufficient need exists in such city or town for providing a course of school instruction beyond the regular high school course of instruction, such school committee may establish and maintain such extended course of instruction on junior college level, with the approval of the state department of education, which shall not exceed two years in duration, and public funds may be appropriated for the purpose.

SECTION 2. If such school committee votes that such extended course of instruction be established and maintained in such city or town, said committee shall submit in writing a plan of such course to the state department of education for its written approval; provided, that the course of instruction proposed in said plan shall conform to such standards as said department may establish and shall be maintained by said school committee under the general regulations of said department.

SECTION 3. Any such school committee shall establish as one of the rules of admission to the benefits of such extended course of instruction that the persons therein enrolled, or responsible agents acting in their behalf, shall pay toward the cost of maintaining such course such sum, not exceeding the actual cost thereof, as said school committee shall determine. If a city or town does not maintain such course of instruction, it may pay the charge authorized by this section in the case of any person who resides therein and obtains from its school committee a certificate to take the course in another city or town maintaining the same.

SECTION 4. Any such school committee shall charge fees provided by section three, which shall be paid into the treasury of such city or town.

SECTION 5. Two or more cities or towns in which the establishment of such extended course of instruction has been voted and approved as hereinabove provided may jointly establish and maintain such a course for the accommodation of said municipalities. The management and control of such course of instruction, the location of the schoolhouse where such course will be maintained and the apportionment of the expenses of the maintenance of the course and all incidental expenses shall be determined, on a pro rata pupil basis, by the school committees of the participating towns.

SECTION 6. Any city or town maintaining an extended course of instruction as provided by this act shall be eligible to receive state reimbursement for expenses incurred therefor in the manner prescribed for such reimbursement in the case of high schools.

SECTION 7. This act shall cease to be operative after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

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*Chap. 533* AN ACT TEMPORARILY PROVIDING FOR AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN THE STATE TEACHERS COLLEGES AND THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF ART FOR CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN WORLD WAR II OR VETERANS OF SAID WAR.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to provide at once an educational program for residents of the commonwealth who are members of the armed forces of the present war or veterans of said war, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter six hundred and sixty of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by striking out section one and inserting in place thereof the following section:—  
*Section 1.* The department of education is hereby authorized and directed to provide for residents of the commonwealth who are members of the armed forces in World War II or veterans of said war an educational program at each of the state teachers colleges and at the Massachusetts School of Art, such program to include, in addition to the subjects mentioned in sections two and two A of chapter seventy-three of the General Laws, instruction in such subjects as it deems expedient in the training of such members of the armed forces or veterans in the fields of arts, science and industry. Such educational program may be availed of by any person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States during World War II and has received a discharge or release, other than a dishonorable one, from such service.

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