
Chapter 419. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH READING TO ESTABLISH A CERTAIN FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the town of North Reading is hereby authorized to appropriate in any given year money to establish a fund to be known as the North Reading Town Employee Retirement Fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies by the treasurer of said town and which together with any interest shall be used for the purposes of paying costs associated with the retirement of town employees such as accrued vacation and sick leave. Any expenditures from said fund shall require a majority vote of any regular or special town meeting.

Approved December 23, 1998.

Chapter 420. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GRAFTON TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN LEASE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The town of Grafton, acting by and through its board of selectmen, is hereby authorized to lease a certain parcel of land to the Grafton Water District for the purposes of the installation, construction, operation, maintenance and repair of a public water supply well including, but not limited to, installation, construction and operation of test wells, observation wells, pumping equipment, pipes, mains, lines, conduits, drains, utilities, access drives and associated structures. Said lease shall be for a term of 30 years and may be extended with the approval of the town for an additional term of 30 years. Said parcel is shown as lot 7 on Assessor's Map 105.

Approved December 23, 1998

Chapter 421. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Paragraph (iii) of subsection (C) of section 4 of chapter 34 of the acts of 1997 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Said town manager shall appoint the police chief, fire chief, town treasurer/collector, town accountant, department of public works superintendent, health agent, chief librarian, superintendent of wires, building inspector/zoning officer, plumbing and gas inspector, constable, harbor master, assistant assessor, director of elder affairs, recreation director and the tree, park and cemetery superintendent; and any other positions

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normally appointed by said board of selectmen and subordinates and employees under the direct supervision of said town manager as well as officers, subordinates and employees for whom no other method of selection is provided in this act, except employees of the school department.

SECTION 2. Clause (k) of paragraph (v) of said subsection (C) of said section 4 of said chapter 34 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Manage and be responsible for all town buildings, property and facilities except those under the jurisdiction of the housing authority, school committee, sewer commission or water commission unless requested by those agencies.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved December 23, 1998.

Chapter 422. AN ACT RELATIVE TO VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith violence prevention programs in public schools, 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:

Section 1 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

The advisory council on violence prevention established by section 1G of chapter 15 shall recommend for approval by the board of education a model curriculum for grades kindergarten through 12 in education programs on violence prevention for the purpose of informing students of the harmful effects of teenage violence, weapons and illegal drug use and of promoting community and social responsibility. The department of education shall send a copy of said curriculum to the superintendent of schools for each school district in the commonwealth. The department shall encourage school districts to implement said curriculum or a variation thereof.

Approved December 23, 1998

Chapter 423. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SENIOR CITIZEN SAFETY ZONES IN THE CITY OF HOLYOKE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the city of Holyoke, acting by and through its city council with the approval of the mayor, may