

Chap. 354. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INFORMATION CENTER BY THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1D of chapter 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following four paragraphs:—

The board shall establish and operate an educational opportunities information center to provide information and assistance to prospective college and university students, and to public and private institutions of higher education on matters regarding student admissions, transfers, and enrollments.

Such public institutions shall cooperate with the center by furnishing such nonconfidential information as may assist the center in the performance of its duties. Similar cooperation may be requested of private educational institutions in the commonwealth.

An applicant for admission to an institution whose application is not accepted may send to the center appropriate nonconfidential information concerning his application. The center may, at its discretion and with permission of the applicant, direct the attention of the applicant to other institutions and direct the attention of other institutions to the applicant.

The center may conduct such studies and analyses of admission, transfers and enrollments as may be deemed appropriate.

Approved June 1, 1972.

Chap. 355. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARY OF A MEMBER OF THE PAROLE BOARD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section forty-seven A of chapter seven hundred and sixty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, any person who was appointed as a member of the parole board between January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, and January sixth, nineteen hundred and seventy-one, both dates inclusive, shall receive such salary as is provided by section four of chapter twenty-seven of the General Laws, said salary to be effective as of the date of his appointment.

Approved June 1, 1972.

Chap. 356. AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH CERTAIN CREDIT UNIONS MAY LOAN WHEN SECURED BY MORTGAGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Paragraph 8 of subsection (b) of subdivision (B) of section 24 of chapter 171 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking but the third paragraph, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 420 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

A credit union which is insured in full under federal or state law, or under both, and whose shares and deposits aggregate more than

two million dollars may loan upon any one parcel of real estate to an amount not exceeding thirty-five thousand dollars and the total liability of any one member as borrower on loans so secured shall not exceed seventy thousand dollars. *Approved June 1, 1972.*

Chap. 357. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE MEMBERSHIP ON THE NORTHERN MIDDLESEX AREA COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The provisions of section four of chapter forty B of the General Laws, shall not apply to the Northern Middlesex Area Commission, a planning district established under section three of said chapter forty B, hereinafter called the commission.

SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of one member of the planning board of each city and town voting to join said district and in the case of a town a member of the board of selectmen or in the case of a city a member of the city council. Each such member shall be elected annually by the planning board, selectmen or city council of which he is also a member. In towns, such elections shall take place when the respective boards first reorganize after regular town elections. In cities such elections shall be held in the month of January. The results of such elections shall be certified in writing to the commission by each planning board, selectmen or city council prior to qualification as a member of the commission. The planning board, selectmen and city council members duly elected and certified shall each be entitled to vote on all matters before the commission. The commissioner of community affairs or his designee shall be a member ex officio without the right to vote. Each member may be replaced prior to the expiration of his term by vote of two thirds of all the members of the planning board, selectmen, or city council electing such member, and certification of such vote to the commission in writing. In the event a planning board, selectmen, or city council should fail to elect or reelect a member in accordance with this act, the previously elected member shall remain a member so long as he is also a member of the board which last elected him. There shall be an alternate member of the commission from each city or town appointed annually when the planning board, selectmen or city council members are elected. Said alternate member shall be appointed by the city manager in a city having a city manager, and by the mayor in any other city with the approval of the city council, and in a town by the selectmen or if there is a town manager by the town manager. Such appointments shall be certified in writing to the commission by the appointing authority prior to qualification as a member of the commission. Said alternate may vote in the absence of any or both members from the city or town from which he has been appointed and otherwise assume the rights and duties of such absent member or members, provided that in no instance shall he cast more than one vote at a commission meeting. Such alternates may be replaced at any time at the discretion of the appointing authority.

SECTION 3. The commission shall not conduct its official business