

HOUSE No. 2024

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 5, 1948.

The committee on Municipal Finance on the part of the House, to whom was referred the Bill providing for the creation of an old colony high school district planning committee (House, No. 1420) report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2024).

For the committee,

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN OLD COLONY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its principal purpose, which is to pro-
3 vide acutely needed schoolhouse accommodations in
4 certain towns, therefore this act is hereby declared to
5 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 SECTION 1. A special unpaid committee, to be
2 known as the high school district planning committee,
3 hereinafter called the committee, is hereby created, to
4 consist of one member appointed by the finance or ad-
5 visory committee, one by the school committee, and
6 one by the board of selectmen of each town which
7 votes to accept the provisions of this act as provided
8 by section nine. Any vacancy in the committee shall
9 be filled by the authority which appointed the member
10 whose service has been terminated.

1 SECTION 2. The committee shall study the advis-
2 ability of forming a union high school district, its
3 organization, operation and control, and the construc-

4 tion of a high school building to serve the needs of the
5 district, with the estimated construction and operat-
6 ing cost and the financial arrangements therefor, and
7 all other matters pertaining to the organization and
8 operation of a union high school district as the com-
9 mittee considers necessary and proper and shall make
10 a report of its findings and recommendations to the
11 selectmen of the several towns which accept this act
12 not later than January first, nineteen hundred and
13 forty-nine.

1 SECTION 3. It shall be the further duty of the com-
2 mittee to prepare and submit to the general court,
3 and to the selectmen of the several towns, not later
4 than December first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine,
5 such legislation as it may deem necessary to carry out
6 its recommendations.

1 SECTION 4. The committee is authorized to em-
2 ploy such experts, architects, consultants and clerical
3 assistants, and to incur such other expense not exceed-
4 ing in the aggregate, fifty thousand dollars, as it may
5 deem necessary. To meet such expenses the com-
6 mittee may accept and use for the purposes of this
7 act sums of money received as gifts or contributions
8 from any source and funds from the commonwealth
9 or federal government which may be available, and
10 shall by vote determine an amount necessary for the
11 purposes of this act to be raised by the four or more
12 towns which accept this act in accordance with the
13 provisions of section nine.

1 SECTION 5. The committee shall apportion the
2 amount which it determines to be necessary as pro-

3 vided in the preceding section among the several
4 towns which accept this act on the basis of the taxable
5 valuation of said municipalities as last established by
6 the general court as a basis of apportionment of state
7 and county taxes; and shall promptly thereafter
8 notify in writing the treasurer of each of said towns
9 of the amount of such apportionment. Upon the
10 receipt of such notice, for the purpose of providing
11 the necessary funds to meet the amount of the ap-
12 portionment, unless the amount due is provided by a
13 special town meeting held within thirty days of the
14 receipt of the said notice, the treasurers of the towns
15 notified shall, with the approval of the selectmen, incur
16 debt not in excess of the amount due and issue a note
17 or notes therefor. Such loans shall be in excess of
18 the statutory limit and shall be due and payable in
19 not more than two years from the dates thereof and
20 except as provided herein shall be subject to the ap-
21 plicable provisions of chapter forty-four of the General
22 Laws exclusive of the limitation contained in the first
23 paragraph of section seven thereof. Upon receipt of
24 the proceeds of a loan issued under authority of this
25 act, the town treasurer shall pay said proceeds over
26 to the secretary-treasurer of the committee.

27 The director of accounts in the department of cor-
28 porations and taxation shall cause an audit to be
29 made of the accounts of the committee annually or
30 at any time upon the request of the selectmen of a
31 town participating in the appointment of the com-
32 mittee and for this purpose he, and his duly accredited
33 agents, shall have access to all necessary papers, books
34 and records. Upon the completion of each audit, a
35 report thereon shall be made to the chairman of the
36 committee with a copy thereof to the chairman of
37 the selectmen of each town served by the committee.

38 The director shall apportion the cost among the several
39 municipalities participating in the appointment of
40 the committee on the basis of the taxable valuation of
41 said municipalities as last established by the general
42 court for state and county taxes, and submit the
43 amounts of each apportionment to the state treasurer,
44 who shall issue his warrant requiring the assessors of
45 the towns which so participate to assess a tax to the
46 amount of such expense, and such amounts shall be
47 collected and paid to the state treasurer as provided by
48 section twenty of chapter fifty-nine.

1 SECTION 6. The committee shall organize forth-
2 with upon its appointment by the election of a chair-
3 man and a secretary-treasurer. The secretary-
4 treasurer shall keep all records and shall receive and
5 take charge of all money paid to the committee and
6 shall pay over and account for the same according to
7 the order of the committee. He shall give bond for
8 the faithful performance of his duties in such sum as
9 the committee shall require with a surety company
10 authorized to transact business in the commonwealth
11 as surety. The premium of such bond shall be paid
12 from funds provided for the committee.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall cease to be operative
2 except as to section five on the effective date of es-
3 tablishment of the said proposed Old Colony high
4 school district, and shall become null and void in its
5 entirety on and after December thirty-first, nineteen
6 hundred and fifty.

1 SECTION 8. Any unexpended balance of funds
2 held by the committee on the date this act ceases to

3 be operative as provided in the preceding section shall
4 be paid over to the several towns in the same pro-
5 portion in which the original assessment was made
6 and the amount so received by any town may be ap-
7 propriated for school purposes.

1 SECTION 9. The question of acceptance of this act
2 shall be considered and acted upon at a special town
3 meeting to be held in the current year in each of the
4 towns of Duxbury, Halifax, Hanson, Hanover, Kings-
5 ton, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke and Plympton.
6 If four or more of the said towns vote in favor of ac-
7 ceptance, this act shall become fully effective forth-
8 with in those towns which have voted in favor of ac-
9 ceptance; if less than four of the said towns vote in
10 favor of acceptance, this act shall become void.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

REPORT

ON THE

BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1964

AND

THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1965

AND

THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1966

AND

THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1967

