

SENATE No. 372

To accompany the petition of Edward J. O'Mara for legislation relative to the payment of expenses for the support of certain children committed to the Department of Public Welfare and certain correctional institutions. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE SUPPORT OF WAYWARD, DELINQUENT AND CASES OF TRUANCY AGAINST CERTAIN CHILDREN COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, LYMAN SCHOOL, STATE INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS OR GIRLS, COUNTY SCHOOLS FOR TRUANTS, MASSACHUSETTS REFORMATORY AND PENDING FINAL DISPOSITION BY THE COURTS.

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 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding after the last word, the
3 following:— The court by which a child is committed
4 to the department of public welfare, Lyman school
5 for boys, state industrial school for boys, state indus-
6 trial school for girls, county training schools for
7 truants, Massachusetts reformatory for men, Massa-
8 chusetts reformatory for women and pending final dis-
9 position or on continuances by the court, the court

10 may make an order for payment by parents or by the
11 child's guardian out of the ward's property, or by any
12 other person responsible for the care and support of
13 said child, to the institution, department, division,
14 organization or persons furnishing care and support
15 at times to be stated in an order by the court of sums
16 not exceeding the cost of said support after ability
17 to pay has been determined by the court; provided;
18 that no order for the payment of money shall be en-
19 tered until the person by whom payments are to be
20 made shall have been summonsed before the court and
21 given an opportunity to be heard. The court may
22 from time to time, upon petition by, or notice to the
23 person ordered to pay such sums of money, revise or
24 alter such order or make a new order, as the circum-
25 stances may require.