

SENATE No. 592

[Senate, No. 592. — Moved (Mahar) as a substitute for House Bill No. 2210.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FURNISHING OF CERTAIN DETAILED ESTIMATES OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES, AND TO THE INCURRING OF LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR, BY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 37 the following section:—
3 *Section 37A.* The school committee in a town shall
4 furnish to the town accountant, or, if there is no town
5 accountant, to the appropriation, advisory or finance
6 committee, if any, otherwise to the selectmen, not
7 less than ten days before the end of the town financial
8 year, detailed estimates of the amounts necessary for
9 the proper maintenance of the school department for
10 the ensuing year.

11 The school committee in a city shall, between
12 November first and December first of each year,
13 furnish the mayor and the city auditor, or officer
14 having similar duties, on forms provided by the city

15 auditor or officer having similar duties, and approved
16 by the division of accounts in the department of
17 corporations and taxation, detailed estimates of the
18 full amounts deemed necessary for the then ensuing
19 year.

20 No school committee, except in Boston, shall incur
21 a liability in excess of the appropriation made for the
22 use of such committee, unless authorized in a city by
23 a vote of approval of its city council, subject to the
24 provisions of its charter, and in a town by a vote of a
25 town meeting.