
By Mr. Brox of Dracut (by request) petition of Ernst Makechnie that the Department of Education be authorized to provide instruction on diet, chemistry of food and bacteriology. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR INSTRUCTION IN SOCIAL SCIENCE, RELATING TO HYGIENE.

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. The administration of social science
2 shall be vested in the department of education which
3 is authorized to employ highly trained specialists to
4 rotate as itinerant visitors through the public schools
5 of the commonwealth, giving instruction on diet, the
6 chemistry of food and bacteriology. Information shall
7 be given on the harmful effects of the disease of
8 obesity.

1 SECTION 2. Before employing any teacher in this
2 department, he shall be required, under the penalty
3 of perjury, to state that for a period of five years pre-
4 vious to signing this statement, he has not used any
5 narcotic except tea, coffee, cola and medication given
6 by a registered nurse or physician. The slow, pains-
7 taking, repetitive methods that are employed by
8 scientists shall be used in an effort to obtain adequate
9 results. Motion pictures may be used as parts of the
10 instruction and discipline of social science. Special
11 attention shall be given to the younger pupils, those
12 below the teen age but the older children shall not
13 be neglected.

1 SECTION 3. Personnel employed in the division of
2 social science shall be required to join either the state
3 pensions association or the teachers' retirement asso-
4 ciation. They shall receive the same tenure protec-
5 tion as is accorded the teachers in public schools.

1 SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of school commit-
2 tees to give full co-operation to the department in
3 teaching hygiene.

1 SECTION 5. The sum of five thousand dollars is
2 hereby appropriated for carrying out the provisions
3 of this act.