
By Mr. Murphy of Malden, petition of Robert F. Murphy for legislation to increase the amount of state aid for public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS.

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 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 3, as appearing in section 1 of
3 chapter 643 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 3.* The state treasurer shall annually on or
6 before November twentieth, pay to the several towns
7 the amounts required under this chapter. The revenue
8 of the Massachusetts school fund, any federal funds
9 available for the purpose of this chapter, and such
10 additional amounts, but not in excess of one half of
11 the total amount paid to the towns under this act,
12 from the taxation of incomes under chapter sixty-two,
13 or, if such proceeds are insufficient, from such other
14 revenues as may be appropriated therefor, shall be
15 applied to such payments. The amount of such grant
16 for each town shall be determined annually by the
17 commissioners from the returns required by this chap-
18 ter and by chapter seventy-two for the preceding
19 school year, and shall be the amount by which the
20 foundation program, as defined in section four, ex-
21 ceeds the product of each one thousand dollars of the
22 equalized valuation of such town multiplied by six;

23 and provided, furthermore, that under this section no
24 town shall receive less than fifty dollars for each per-
25 son between the ages of seven and sixteen as deter-
26 mined the previous year in the registration of minors
27 required by section two of chapter seventy-two of the
28 General Laws; and provided, furthermore, that in
29 nineteen hundred and fifty-four or any year thereafter
30 the school aid due a town under this section shall not
31 be less than fifty per cent more than the amount of
32 such aid which said town received in nineteen hundred
33 and fifty-three.