

HOUSE No. 2369

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 31, 1955.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1307) of John J. Campbell and John R. Sennott, Jr., for legislation to reduce the number of days high schools shall remain open, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2369).

For the committee,

WILLIAM A. CONNELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF DAYS A HIGH SCHOOL SHALL REMAIN OPEN.

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 4 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 260 of the acts of 1953, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out the second sentence
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
5 One or more courses of study, at least four years in
6 length, shall be maintained in such high school, and it
7 shall be kept open for the benefit of all inhabitants of
8 the town for at least one hundred and eighty days, ex-
9 clusive of vacations, in each school year, unless specifi-
10 cally exempted as to any one school year by the depart-
11 ment because of epidemic, extraordinary weather con-
12 ditions deemed by school officials to be dangerous to
13 the safety and health of pupils, or other emergency;
14 provided, however, that the date of graduation from
15 such high school may precede the regular closing date
16 of the school by not more than twelve school days; and
17 provided, further, that pupils graduating shall not be
18 released from attendance prior to the fifteenth day of
19 May.