

HOUSE No. 276

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas C. Wojtkowski for legislation to establish supervisory councils in the Department of Education to supervise locally certain institutions of higher education operated by the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SUPERVISORY COUNCILS FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING OPERATED BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 15 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 3A the following section:—
3 *Section 3B.* There shall be in the department a supervisory
4 council for each institution of higher learning operated by the
5 commonwealth, except the Bradford Durfee Technical Institute,
6 the New Bedford Textile Institute, the Lowell Textile Institute
7 and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Each such super-
8 visory council shall consist of nine members to be appointed by
9 the governor with the advice and consent of the council, and,
10 subject to the general management, supervision and control of
11 and in accordance with rules established by the board, shall
12 supervise locally the operation and affairs of each such institu-
13 tion. One member shall from time to time be designated by the
14 governor as chairman. Whenever students at any such institu-
15 tion, under arrangements made by the department, take a sub-
16 stantial number of their courses at another institution of higher
17 learning, the president or other head of such other institutions
18 shall be an ex-officio member of the supervisory council for the
19 institution operated by the commonwealth. Said members ap-
20 pointed by the governor shall be designated in their original

21 appointments to serve as follows:— three for a term of two
22 years, three for a term of four years, and three for a term of six
23 years. Upon the expiration of the term of any such member his
24 successor shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of
25 six years. No member shall serve as a member of such council,
26 except an ex-officio member, longer than until and including the
27 last day of December in the year in which he shall be seventy
28 years of age. Two members of each council shall be residents
29 of the same county as the institution with which the respective
30 council is concerned. A majority of each council shall be resi-
31 dents within fifty miles of the institution with which the respec-
32 tive council is concerned.

33 Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same
34 manner as original appointments. Members of such councils
35 may be removed by the governor. Members of such councils
36 shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for
37 their expenses actually and necessarily incurred in the perform-
38 ance of their duties.

39 Such councils shall provide for regular meetings, and the
40 chairman, or any five members by petition, may at any time call
41 a special meeting of the council and fix the time and place
42 therefor. At least ten days' notice of every meeting shall be
43 mailed to the usual address of each member, unless such notice
44 be waived by a majority of the council. Five members attend-
45 ing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business,
46 and the act of a majority of the members present at any meet-
47 ing shall be the act of the council. Subject to the general
48 management, supervision, control and approval, and in accord-
49 ance with rules established by the board, each supervisory
50 council shall, with respect to the institution for which it serves,
51 exercise the following powers:—

52 (a) Review all major plans of the head of such institution for
53 its more effective operation, and make such recommendations
54 with respect thereto as it deems appropriate. Such plans shall
55 be submitted for approval by the board, together with the recom-
56 mendations of the council with respect thereto. The board
57 shall determine what constitutes such major plans, which are
58 hereby generally defined to include, among others, plans for the
59 appraisal or improvement of the faculty and other personnel,

60 expansion or restrictions of student admissions, appraisal or im-
61 provement of academic programs and of standards for the
62 earning of degrees, expansion of institutional plants, and ap-
63 praisal or improvement of student activities and housing.

64 (b) Make regulations governing the care, custody and man-
65 agement of lands, grounds, buildings and equipment.

66 (c) Review the proposed budget requests for such institutions
67 prepared by the head thereof and recommend to the board a
68 budget for such institutions.

69 (d) Foster the development of advisory citizens' committees
70 to render such assistance as the council may request, and to
71 appoint the members of such citizens' committees. Members of
72 such citizens' committees shall serve without compensation, but
73 shall be reimbursed for expenses actually and necessarily in-
74 curred by them in the performance of their duties.

75 (e) Name buildings and grounds.

76 (f) Make regulations governing the conduct and behavior of
77 students.

78 (g) Prescribe for and exercise supervision over student hous-
79 ing and safety.

80 (h) Make an annual report to the board on or before Sep-
81 tember first of each year, and report to them from time to time
82 on any matter it believes requires their attention.

83 (i) Perform such other powers and duties as may be au-
84 thorized or required by the board by general rules or special
85 directives.

86 (j) Make and establish, and from time to time alter and
87 amend, such regulations pertaining to the affairs of its institu-
88 tions, not inconsistent with law or the rules of the board, as
89 may be necessary or appropriate to carry out effectively the
90 foregoing powers and duties.

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