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By Mr. Curtiss of Sheffield, petition of Alice Pederson, Sidney Q. Curtiss and Silvio O. Conte that regional school districts be authorized to establish courses of instruction on the junior college level. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT AUTHORIZING REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LOCAL COURSES OF INSTRUCTION ON JUNIOR COLLEGE LEVEL.

*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. Section 75 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 75.* If the school committee of any city, town or  
5 regional school district determines that sufficient need exists  
6 in such city, town or regional school district for providing a  
7 course of school instruction beyond the regular high school  
8 course of instruction, it shall submit in writing a plan of such  
9 course to the state department of education for its written  
10 approval, and may thereafter establish and maintain such ex-  
11 tended course of instruction on junior college level, and public  
12 funds may be appropriated for the purpose; provided, that the  
13 course of instruction proposed in said plan shall conform to  
14 such standards as said department may establish, and shall be  
15 maintained by said school committee or regional district school  
16 committee under the general regulations of said department.

1 SECTION 2. Section seventy-eight of chapter seventy-one of  
2 the General Laws is hereby further amended by striking out  
3 said section and inserting in place thereof the following sec-  
4 tion: —

5 *Section 78.* Any city, town or regional school district main-  
6 taining such an extended course of instruction shall be eligible  
7 to receive state reimbursement for expenses incurred therefor  
8 in the manner prescribed for such reimbursement in the case of  
9 high schools.

1 SECTION 3. Section 79 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby further amended by striking out said section and insert-  
3 ing in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 79.* Any city, town or regional school district may  
5 use the designation “Junior College” with respect to its main-  
6 tenance of such extended course of instruction at a particular  
7 school therein, and the school committee of such city, town or  
8 regional school district may, subject to the approval of the  
9 board of collegiate authority, grant the degree of associate in  
10 arts or associate in science, or both such degrees, to persons who  
11 complete such course of instruction.