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By Mr. Kiernan of Lowell (by request), petition of Samuel S. Pollard for legislation to increase the amount of state aid to cities and towns for the construction of school buildings. Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED FOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

*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 9 of chapter 645 of the acts of 1948, as amended by  
2 chapter 329 of the acts of 1954, is hereby further amended by  
3 striking out subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following subsections:—

5 (a) The total construction grant for any approved school  
6 project in any city or town shall be one fourth of the product  
7 of the final approved cost of the project multiplied by the  
8 equalized valuation per pupil in net average membership for  
9 the entire commonwealth divided by the equalized valuation  
10 per pupil in net average membership of the city or town; pro-  
11 vided, however, that no grant shall be approved for an amount  
12 less than thirty-seven and one half per cent or more than fifty  
13 per cent of such approved cost;

14 (b) The total construction grant for any approved school  
15 project in any regional school district shall be one third of  
16 the product of the final approved cost of the project multiplied  
17 by the equalized valuation per pupil in net average membership  
18 for the entire commonwealth divided by the total equalized  
19 valuation per pupil in the total net average membership of  
20 the towns comprising such district; provided, however, that  
21 no grant shall be approved for any amount less than thirty-seven  
22 and one half per cent or more than sixty-five per cent of such  
23 approved cost;

