

**Chap. 375.** AN ACT PROHIBITING THE EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN CHILDREN FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRIOR TO MEETINGS WITH SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 76 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section: —

*Section 18.* No child sixteen years of age or older shall be considered to have been permanently excluded from the public schools unless an administrator of the school which such child last attended has sent notice within ten days from the day of such child's fifteenth consecutive absence to the person in control of such child in both the primary language of such person and English, stating that such child and such person may, within ten days of the sending of said notice, meet with the school committee or its designated representatives. The time for such meeting may be extended at the request of the person in control of such child and with consent of the school committee or its designated representatives, provided no extension shall be for longer than fourteen days. Such meeting shall be for the purpose of discussing the reasons for the child being permanently excluded from school and educational or other alternatives to such exclusion.

The superintendent of every city, town or regional school district shall annually report to the department of education the number of children sixteen years of age or older who have been permanently excluded from public school, the reasons for such exclusion and any educational or other alternatives to such exclusion.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to children who have completed the regular course of public school education, or to children whose absences have been excused, nor shall this section be construed to permanently exclude a child who wishes to resume his education.

*Approved June 8, 1973.*

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**Chap. 376.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO USE LINCOLN PARK FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Somerville is hereby authorized to use for the erection of a public school building and other school purposes, and for all purposes incidental thereto, land now held by said city for park and playground purposes and known as Lincoln Park, inclusive of the wading pool area south of Lincoln Parkway, and consisting of 7.12 acres, more or less; provided, however, that no more than 1.5 acres of said park, as hereinabove described, shall be used for the construction of said school building, said 1.5 acres being the most northerly portion of said park and is bounded and described as follows: Northerly in two courses by Washington street and land now or formerly of the Boston and Maine Railroad; Easterly by land now or formerly of McLane and by Clark street;