

SENATE No. 450

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 7, 1938.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 1243) of James G. Reardon (Commissioner of Education) for legislation relative to the teaching of English in the public schools, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 450).

For the committee,

SYBIL H. HOLMES.

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING EDUCATION IN THE USE OF ENGLISH AND CERTAIN OTHER SUBJECTS ADAPTED TO FIT PERSONS FOR AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

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 nine of chapter sixty-nine of
2 the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary
3 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
4 word "adults", in the third line, the following words:
5 — eighteen years of age or over, — so as to read as
6 follows: — *Section 9.* The department, with the co-
7 operation of any town applying therefor, may provide
8 for such instruction in the use of English for adults
9 eighteen years of age or over unable to speak, read or
10 write the same, and in the fundamental principles of
11 government and other subjects adapted to fit for
12 American citizenship, as shall jointly be approved by
13 the local school committee and the department.
14 Schools and classes established therefor may be held
15 in public school buildings, in industrial establishments
16 or in such other places as may be approved in like
17 manner. Teachers and supervisors employed therein
18 by a town shall be chosen and their compensation
19 fixed by the school committee, subject to the approval
20 of the department.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter sixty-nine is hereby
2 further amended by inserting after section nine, as
3 amended by section one of this act, the following
4 new section:—

5 *Section 9A.* Upon application of twenty or more
6 residents eighteen years of age or over for enrollment
7 in a class for instruction of the type described in sec-
8 tion nine, the school committee of a city or town shall
9 furnish such a class or classes for a period of not less
10 than forty sessions; provided, that, in case the at-
11 tendance of any such class falls below fifteen, such
12 school committee may discontinue such class.

