
By Mr. Kevin B. Harrington, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Kevin B. Harrington for legislation to provide day class programs in the public schools for all deaf children of all cities, towns and regional school districts. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING DAY CLASS PROGRAMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR ALL DEAF CHILDREN OF ALL CITIES, TOWNS AND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to forthwith provide for day class
3 programs in the public schools for all deaf children of all cities,
4 towns and regional school districts, therefore it is hereby de-
5 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public convenience.

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 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 28, as most recently amended by section 1 of
3 chapter 615 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 28.* In any city, town or regional school district
6 where any deaf child resides, the department shall, in co-
7 operation with the school committee, establish day class pro-
8 grams for deaf children in the public schools. If less than
9 five deaf children are resident within a city, town or regional
10 school district, provision shall be made with the department
11 for approval of the establishment of co-operative programs
12 with adjacent cities, towns or regional school districts. All
13 programs shall be co-ordinated on a regional state-wide basis
14 according to regulations established by the department, in-

15 cluding matters pertaining to the establishment of classes,
16 curriculum, and the conditions of instruction, physical facili-
17 ties and equipment, class composition and size, admission of
18 students, and requirements respecting all services to be pro-
19 vided.

20 The department shall appoint such area advisory boards
21 as it deems necessary, each of which shall include at least one
22 superintendent of schools, one certified teacher of the deaf,
23 one audiologist, one educational psychologist and such other
24 persons as it deems appropriate.

25 All costs relating to the establishment, maintenance, and
26 supervision of such programs shall be prepaid by the common-
27 wealth out of the Local Aid Fund to the public school systems
28 providing such programs. Costs of reasonable and ordinary
29 transportation for such deaf children shall be paid by the com-
30 monwealth out of the Local Aid Fund.

31 The regulations established by the department shall not be
32 subject to the provisions of sections two, three and nine of
33 chapter thirty A.