

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, December 14, 1967.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments of the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, Senate Bill No. 1264 entitled "An act authorizing local school committees to determine the length of the daily sessions of physical education."

While it is realized that the contemplated regulations already promulgated by the Board of Education regarding physical education may be too strict and cause a great deal of hardship to some of our school committees, the Commissioner of Education has requested that this bill be amended so as to meet these objections.

I, therefore, recommend the bill be amended as follows: —

"by adding at the end of the first paragraph thereof the following:

"subject to the following minimum standards: — elementary schools, ninety minutes per week; secondary schools one hundred twenty minutes per week. The Board of Education may waive these standards under extenuating circumstances."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Acting Governor of the Commonwealth

