

SENATE No. 502

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 24, 1922.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to which was referred the Bill to enlarge the duties of the state board for vocational education so as to include the education, care, maintenance and welfare of seriously physically handicapped persons other than the blind (Senate, No. 481), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft with the same title, entitled Bill in aid of certain physically handicapped persons other than the blind, and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

C. W. GOULD.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

AN ACT

In Aid of Certain Physically Handicapped Persons
Other than the Blind.

*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. Chapter seventy-four of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
3 section twenty-two A, inserted in said chapter
4 by section six of chapter four hundred and sixty-
5 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-
6 one, the following new section: — *Section 22B.*
7 The said state board for vocational education
8 shall, in co-operation with the appropriate de-
9 partments of the commonwealth, make, and from
10 time to time revise, a survey of all the physically
11 handicapped citizens of the commonwealth, clas-
12 sifying them according to age, needs, and physical
13 ailments. The commissioner, in his annual re-
14 port, shall set forth an abstract of said survey and
15 of any revision of the same. On the recommenda-
16 tion of the said board there shall be paid to any
17 needy wheelchair cripple, or other needy physi-

18 cally handicapped person, other than a blind per-
19 son, who has been declared by said board to be
20 permanently disabled to such an extent that he
21 is unable through his own efforts to contribute to
22 his own support, a sum not in excess of ten dollars
23 per week; provided, however, that said board
24 shall not undertake the permanent maintenance
25 of any person entitled to the benefits of this sec-
26 tion, and provided further that no insane person,
27 or person who did not become physically handi-
28 capped while residing in this commonwealth, or
29 who shall not have resided in this commonwealth
30 for at least five consecutive years, shall receive
31 any benefit under this section.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of carrying out
2 the provisions of this act during the present year
3 there may be expended from the state treasury,
4 subject to appropriation by the general court, a
5 sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

WILLIAM H. SANGER, *Clerk.*

