

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Commissioner of Education (House, No. 147). Education. Dec. 8, 1927.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act authorizing the Department of Education to permit the Temporary Closing of Certain High Schools on Account of Epidemic or Emergency.

*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 four of chapter seventy-one of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word  
3 "year" in the eleventh line the words:— unless  
4 specifically exempted as to any one school year by the  
5 department because of epidemic or other emergency,  
6 — so as to read as follows:— *Section 4.* Every town  
7 containing, according to the latest census, state or  
8 national, five hundred families or householders, shall,  
9 unless specifically exempted by the department and  
10 under conditions defined by it, maintain a high school,  
11 adequately equipped, which shall be kept by a prin-  
12 cipal and such assistants as may be needed, of com-  
13 petent ability and good morals, who shall give in-  
14 struction in such subjects as the school committee  
15 considers expedient. One or more courses of study,  
16 at least four years in length, shall be maintained in  
17 such high school and it shall be kept open for the

18 benefit of the inhabitants of the town for at least one  
19 hundred and eighty days, exclusive of vacations, in  
20 each school year unless specifically exempted as to  
21 any one school year by the department because of  
22 epidemic or other emergency. Each high school  
23 maintained by a town required to belong to a superin-  
24 tendency union shall be conducted in accordance with  
25 standards of organization, equipment and instruction  
26 approved from time to time by the department.



