

HOUSE No. 165

By Mr. Kenneally of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts School Superintendents Association and another relative to the salaries of superintendents of schools in unions and regional school districts. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARIES OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS IN UNIONS AND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 64, as most recently amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1956, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 64.* The salary of the superintendent in such a union
6 or in any twelve grade regional school district or the combined
7 salary received by a person serving in a dual capacity as a super-
8 intendent in a union and a regional school district or in two or
9 more regional school districts shall be not less than the amounts
10 provided in the following schedule: ninety-five hundred dollars
11 for the first year of service, ten thousand dollars for the second
12 year, ten thousand five hundred dollars for the third year, eleven
13 thousand dollars for the fourth year. If his salary is not in ex-
14 cess of eleven thousand six hundred dollars the union or any
15 twelve grade regional school district or the union and the re-
16 gional school district or two or more regional school districts,
17 as the case may be, shall, and otherwise may, reimburse him
18 for his actual traveling expenses incurred in the discharge of his
19 duties, but such reimbursement may be limited to six hundred
20 dollars a year.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 71 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 65, as most recently amended by section 2

3 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 65.* When the chairman and secretary of the joint
6 committee or any twelve grade regional school district com-
7 mittee or in the case of a person serving as a superintendent in
8 the dual capacity referred to in section sixty-four, and when the
9 chairmen of both the union committee and regional district
10 school committee or two or more regional district school com-
11 mittees shall certify to the comptroller on oath, that the towns
12 unitedly or as members of a regional school district or districts
13 have employed a superintendent of schools for the year ending
14 on June thirtieth and, in the case of a union, have complied
15 with section sixty-three, a warrant shall, upon approval of the
16 department, be drawn upon the state treasurer for the payment
17 of two thirds of the sum of the following amounts: (1) the
18 amount paid the superintendent as salary not including any
19 such amount in excess of ninety-five hundred dollars, and (2)
20 the amount reimbursed to the superintendent for traveling ex-
21 penses, not including any such amount in excess of six hundred
22 dollars. The amount stated in the warrant shall be apportioned
23 and distributed among the towns forming the union or the re-
24 gional school district or districts in proportion to the amount
25 expended by them for the salary and traveling expenses of the
26 superintendent; provided, that the reimbursement on account
27 of an individual serving in a dual capacity as superintendent of
28 a school union and regional school district or of two or more
29 regional school districts shall not be in excess of the amount
30 established in this section, and said reimbursement shall be
31 prorated among all the towns contributing to his salary; and
32 provided, further, that the amount proportioned to any town
33 whose valuation then exceeds four million five hundred thousand
34 dollars or to any town whose valuation exceeded two million
35 five hundred thousand dollars at the time of its entry into a
36 union or a regional school district, whichever occurred earlier,
37 shall be retained by the commonwealth.