
By Mr. Doherty of Boston, petition of the Advisory Commission on Academically Talented Pupils and Gerard F. Doherty that provision be made for educational programs for academically talented pupils. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY
TALENTED PUPILS.

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 amended
2 by inserting after section 81 a new section to read as follows:—
3 *Section 82.* The school committee of every town and regional
4 school district shall ascertain, under regulations prescribed by
5 the department of education, the number of children of school
6 age who are academically talented. Each town or regional school
7 district shall provide an educational program in its public ele-
8 mentary and secondary schools suitable for the academically
9 talented pupils in such schools under regulations prescribed by
10 the department of education through the division of elementary
11 and secondary education. The school committee of a town or
12 regional school district may, for the purpose of this section, sub-
13 ject to the approval of the department, make agreements with
14 one or more towns or regional school districts for the employ-
15 ment of teachers, enrollment of pupils, the use of facilities, or
16 other matters necessary for providing an educational program
17 suitable for the academically talented pupils in the elementary
18 and secondary schools of the parties to such agreement. A town
19 or regional school district may provide transportation for pupils
20 in such programs to a school in another town or regional school
21 district.

22 Subject to the regulations of the department, any town or
23 regional school district may provide for some or all academically
24 talented pupils under this section by enabling them to be en-
25 rolled, with tuition paid by said town or regional school district,
26 in other public schools, including enrollment on a part-time basis
27 in institutes, workshops, seminars or institutions of higher edu-
28 cation where there are approved programs for academically
29 talented pupils.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 82 a new section to read as follows:—

3 *Section 83.* Whenever any program suitable for the academic-
4 ally talented pupils of a town or regional school district is ap-
5 proved by the department of education through the division of
6 elementary and secondary education under regulations estab-
7 lished by the board of education, the town or regional school
8 district shall be reimbursed for one half of the cost of the instruc-
9 tion of the children in the approved program, actually rendered
10 or furnished, but not exceeding ordinary or reasonable com-
11 pensation therefor, and one half of the cost of transportation
12 which is provided in paragraph two of section eighty-two.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 83 a new section to read as follows:

3 *Section 84.* The state treasurer shall annually on or before
4 November twentieth pay from the proceeds of taxation or in-
5 come under chapter sixty-two to any city or town or to any
6 regional school district such sums as may be certified by the
7 commissioner for programs for the academically talented as pro-
8 vided for in section eighty-two and transportation as provided
9 for in paragraph two of section eighty-two. The amount of re-
10 imbursement under this section shall be claimed by the school
11 committee in accordance with attested claims on forms provided
12 by the department.