

By Mr. Hatch of Beverly, petition of Francis W. Hatch, Jr., for legislation to prohibit the sale of term papers and other written assignments for aid to students in educational institutions. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF DISSERTATIONS, THESES AND TERM PAPERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 271 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 49, the following section: —

3 *Section 50.* Whoever shall sell or offer for sale to any person
4 enrolled in a university, college, academy, school or other
5 educational institution within the Commonwealth any assistance
6 in the preparation, research or writing of a dissertation, thesis,
7 term paper, essay, report or other written assignment intended
8 for submission to such educational institution in fulfillment of
9 the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate or course of
10 study, shall be guilty of a violation of this section.

11 Whoever shall sell or offer for sale any dissertation, thesis,
12 term paper, essay, report or other written assignment to any
13 person who, sells or offers for sale any such dissertation, thesis,
14 term paper, essay, report or other written assignment to any
15 person enrolled in a university, college, academy, school or other
16 educational institution within the Commonwealth of Massa-
17 chusetts for submission to such educational institution in
18 fulfillment of the requirements for a degree, diploma, certificate
19 or course of study, shall be guilty of a violation of this section.

20 Nothing herein contained shall prevent such educational
21 institution or any member of its faculty or staff, from offering
22 courses, instruction, counseling or tutoring for research or
23 writing as part of a curriculum or other program conducted by
24 such educational institution. Nor shall this section prevent any

25 educational institution or any member of its faculty or staff from
26 authorizing students to use statistical, computer, or any other
27 services which may be required or permitted by such educational
28 institution in the preparation, research or writing of a disserta-
29 tion, thesis, term paper, essay, report or other written
30 assignment. Nor shall section prevent tutorial assistance
31 rendered by other persons which does not include the pre-
32 paration, research or writing of a dissertation, thesis, term paper,
33 essay, report or other written assignment intended for submission
34 to such educational institution in fulfillment of the requirements
35 for a degree, diploma, certificate or course of study. Nor shall
36 any person be prevented by the provisions of this section from
37 rendering services for a fee which shall be limited to the typing,
38 transcription or reproduction of a manuscript.

39 Nothing contained within this section shall prevent any person
40 from selling or offering for sale a publication or other written
41 material which shall have been registered under the United States
42 laws of copyright, provided, however, that the owner of such
43 copyright shall have given his authorization or approval for such
44 sale and provided further that such publication or other written
45 material shall not be intended for submission as a dissertation,
46 thesis, term paper, essay, report or other written assignment to
47 such educational institution within the Commonwealth of
48 Massachusetts in fulfillment of the requirements for a degree,
49 diploma, certificate or course of study.

50 Whoever shall sell, assign or otherwise transfer for business or
51 for any other purpose to any person, information and material of
52 a personal or private nature acquired from a purchaser of a
53 dissertation, thesis, term paper, essay, report or other written
54 assignment without the prior consent of such purchaser shall be
55 guilty of a violation of this section. The term "information and
56 material of a personal or private nature" as used in this section
57 shall include, but not be limited to the name of such purchaser
58 his address and telephone number, the name of such educational
59 institution, the name or number of the course, the name of the
60 faculty member or members for whom such written assignment
61 has been prepared and any description of the research involved or
62 the nature of such written assignment.

63 A violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable
64 by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not
65 more than five thousand dollars.

66 Whenever there shall be a violation of this section, an
67 application also may be made by the Attorney General to a court
68 or justice having jurisdiction to issue an injunction, and upon
69 notice to the defendent of not less than five days, to enjoin and
70 restrain the continuance of such violation; and if it shall appear
71 to the satisfaction of the court or justice that the defendent has,
72 in fact, violated this section, an injunction may be issued by such
73 court or justice, enjoining and restraining any further violation,
74 without requiring proof that any person has, in fact, been injured
75 or damaged thereby.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various expeditions and the results obtained. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and a list of the names of the persons who have taken part in it.

The second part of the report deals with the results of the various expeditions. It is divided into several sections, each dealing with a different expedition. The first section deals with the expedition to the north, the second with the expedition to the south, and the third with the expedition to the west. Each section contains a detailed account of the route taken, the difficulties encountered, and the results obtained.

The third part of the report deals with the results of the various expeditions. It is divided into several sections, each dealing with a different expedition. The first section deals with the expedition to the north, the second with the expedition to the south, and the third with the expedition to the west. Each section contains a detailed account of the route taken, the difficulties encountered, and the results obtained.

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