

SENATE . . . . . No. 111

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By Mr. Backman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 111) of Jack H. Backman for legislation to provide for the instruction of courses in human development in public schools grades K-12. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF COURSES IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS GRADES K-12**

*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. Section 1 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 922 of the acts of 1971 is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out in the fourth sentence  
4 the words, "physiology and hygiene" and inserting in place  
5 thereof the words, "human development and health education".

1 SECTION 2. Said section 1 of said chapter 71 is hereby  
2 further amended by striking out the fifth sentence and insert-  
3 ing in place thereof the following sentence: —

4 In connection with human development and health education  
5 such instruction as relates to an understanding of the physical  
6 and psychological aspects of maturation and growth, from  
7 childhood to old age, including an understanding of the  
8 process of values clarification attitudes, making decisions and  
9 solving problems which relate both to the individual and the  
10 larger community, and relating to the understanding of the  
11 physiological and psychological effects of controlled substances  
12 as defined in chapter 94 C of the General Laws shall be given  
13 to all pupils in all schools under public control.

1 SECTION 3. The cost borne by cities and towns or regional  
2 school districts for the establishment and maintenance of  
3 courses in human development and health education as defined

4 in section 1 of chapter 71 of the General Laws shall be re-  
5 imburged by the Commonwealth, upon approval of the Depart-  
6 ment of Education, and certification by it that such courses  
7 meet the standards and requirements prescribed by it for the  
8 first year of the implementation of such courses; three  
9 quarters of the cost of such expenses shall be so reimbursed  
10 for the second year and one half of the cost of such expenses  
11 shall be reimbursed for the third year. There will be no re-  
12 imbursement of the operation of such courses in the following  
13 years.

1 SECTION 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Educa-  
2 tion may promulgate such rules and regulations, pursuant to  
3 Section 2C of chapter 70 of the General Laws as he may deem  
4 necessary and proper for the enforcement of this act.

1 SECTION 5. The Board of Education pursuant to section 1G  
2 of chapter 15 of the General Laws may promulgate such rules  
3 and regulations which include but are not limited to the train-  
4 ing in skills of teaching courses in human development as  
5 defined in section 1 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as re-  
6 quired for teacher certification.