

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of Melvin H. King and Walter E. Bickford for legislation to encourage energy conservation and agricultural education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

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. The definition of "approved school project" in
2 Section 5 of Chapter 645 of the acts of 1948, as amended, is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following sentence: — Approved
4 school project shall also mean any project which in the judgement
5 of the board will substantially increase the energy efficiency of a
6 schoolhouse and/or promote agricultural instruction for the stu-
7 dents through the construction of a greenhouse or other solar
8 energy project; provided that the contract for any such project has
9 been awarded on or after January first, nineteen hundred and
10 seventy-nine and provided, further, that the provisions of sections
11 8B and 8C shall not apply to any such project.

1 SECTION 2. Section 9 of said Chapter 645 of the acts of 1948,
2 as most recently amended by Section 6 of Chapter 302 of the acts of
3 1976, is hereby further amended by adding the following para-
4 graph: —

5 Notwithstanding any provisions of this act to the contrary, the
6 final approved cost of any project which in the judgement of the
7 board will substantially increase the energy efficiency of a school-
8 house and/or will promote the study of agriculture in the Com-
9 monwealth shall not include any interest paid or payable on ac-
10 count of any bonds or notes issued to finance such a project, and

11 the amount of the state grant for any such project as so determined
 12 under clauses (a), (b) and (c) of this section shall be reduced by one
 13 half.