

By Mr. Atkins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1892) of Chester G. Atkins, Gerard D'Amico, Walter E. Bickford, Carol C. Amick, A. Joseph DeNucci, Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., James G. Collins, Patricia McGovern, Barbara E. Gray and George Bachrach for legislation to provide financial assistance to cities, towns, and regional school districts for the removal, containment or encapsulation of asbestos in public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIES, TOWNS, AND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE REMOVAL, CONTAINMENT OR ENCAPSULATION OF ASBESTOS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 State Board of Education is hereby author-
2 ized to expend a sum not to exceed fifteen million dollars for
3 a program to provide grants to reimburse cities, towns, and
4 regional school districts for the removal, containment, or en-
5 capsulation of asbestos found in public school buildings; pro-
6 vided, that said city, town, or regional school district has sub-
7 mitted for approval an application and cost estimate to the
8 state board of education; and provided, further, that said re-
9 moval, containment, or encapsulation has been conducted in
10 accordance with procedures set forth by the special legislative
11 commission on asbestos, established by chapter fifty-eight of
12 the resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-five and by chap-
13 ter fourteen of the resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-
14 eight, and by the division of occupational hygiene; and pro-
15 vided, further, that said reimbursements are in accordance
16 with the estimates approved by the board and are for work
17 contracted prior to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
18 eighty-five.

1 SECTION 2. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying
2 out the provision of section one, the state treasurer shall,
3 upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the com-

4 monwealth to an amount to be specified by the governor from
5 time to time, but not exceeding in the aggregate fifteen mil-
6 lion dollars.

7 All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid shall be
8 designated on their face, "Asbestos Removal and Containment
9 Loan, Act of 1983", and shall be issued for such maximum term
10 of years, not exceeding twenty years, as the governor may rec-
11 ommend to the general court pursuant to Section 3 of Article
12 LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Common-
13 wealth, provided, however, that all such bonds shall be pay-
14 able not later than June thirtieth, two thousand and five. All
15 interest and payments on account of principal of such obliga-
16 tions shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds and the
17 interest thereon issued under the authority of this section
18 shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, be gen-
19 eral obligations of the commonwealth.