

SENATE No. 411

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 411) of Robert D. Wetmore and Charles N. Decas for legislation relative to the providing of school transportation for certain school pupils. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL 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. Section 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 286 of the acts of 1976,
3 is hereby further amended by striking subdivision (a) in the
4 first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:
5 “(a) that no transportation reimbursement shall be made
6 on account of any pupil who resides less than one and one
7 half miles from the school which he attends, measured by a
8 commonly traveled route, unless such route travelled is deter-
9 mined under the provisions of section 1 of chapter 76 of the
10 General Laws to impose a direct safety hazard on the pupil;”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 12 of chapter 766 of the
3 acts of 1972, is hereby further amended by inserting after the
4 second paragraph, the following paragraph: — A city, town,
5 or district may appropriate money for the transportation, to
6 and from school, of pupils who are fulfilling the compulsory
7 attendance required of this section, and who reside with-
8 in one and one-half miles of the school he or she attends if
9 the normal route from his house to such school imposes, in
10 the opinion of the school committee and chief public safety
11 officer of said city, town, or district, a direct safety hazard
12 because of highways and intersections of lack of sidewalks,
13 cross-walks, and adequate traffic control signals, and said city,
14 town, or district shall be reimbursed for such expenditures
15 under the provisions of section 7A of chapter 7 of the General
16 Laws.

