

By Mr. Atkins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1915) of Chester G. Atkins, Gerard D'Amico, Patricia McGovern, Barbara E. Gray, Charles F. Flaherty, James G. Collins and Carol C. Amick 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-four.

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-ve 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. The state treasurer may borrow from time to
2 time on the credit of the commonwealth such sums of money
3 as may be necessary for the purpose of meeting the payments
4 authorized by this act and may issue and renew from time to

5 to time notes of the commonwealth therefor, bearing interest
6 payable at such time and at such rates as shall be fixed by the
7 state treasurer. Such notes shall be issued and may be re-
8 newed one or more times for such terms, not exceeding one
9 year, as the governor may recommend to the general court
10 in accordance with Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amend-
11 ments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, but the final
12 maturities of such notes, whether the original or renewal,
13 shall not be later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and
14 ninety.

15 Notes and interest thereon issued under the authority of
16 this section, notwithstanding any other provisions of this act,
17 shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying
2 out the provisions 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 million
6 dollars.

7 All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as aforesaid, shall
8 be designated on their face, "Asbestos Removal and Contain-
9 ment Loan, Act of 1984, and shall be issued for such maximum
10 terms of years, not exceeding twenty years, as the governor
11 may recommend to the general court pursuant to Section 3
12 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the
13 Commonwealth, provided, however, that all such bonds shall
14 be payable not later than June thirtieth, two thousand and
15 six. All interest and payments on account of principal of such
16 obligations shall be payable from the General Fund. Bonds
17 and the interest thereon issued under the authority of this
18 section shall, notwithstanding any other provisions of this act,
19 be general obligations of the commonwealth.