

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lee, petition of Christopher J. Hodgkins relative to school building assistance projects. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.

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. Subsection 8 of section 12, chapter 746 of the acts
2 of 1987 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and
3 inserting in its place the following new subsection (b):

4 (b) Not more than ninety days after receipt of such application
5 the board shall notify such city, town or regional school district
6 of its approval or rejection therefor, and, in the event of its
7 rejection, of the reasons therefor. Notice of approval hereunder
8 shall be accompanied by a statement of the estimated approved
9 cost as determined by the board, and an estimate of the amount
10 of school construction grant to which such city, town or regional
11 school district may be entitled under the provisions of said section
12 nine.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection 12 of section 12 of said chapter 746
2 of the acts of 1987 is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 paragraph of subsection (a) and inserting in its place the following
4 new paragraph:

5 (a) From time to time, the commissioner shall certify to the
6 comptroller, and the state treasurer shall, within thirty days after
7 each such certification, pay to the several cities, towns and
8 regional school districts from any amounts appropriated therefor,
9 the amounts due them in accordance with approved school
10 construction grants. Other than for grants to assist cities, towns
11 and regional school districts eliminating racial imbalance, the

12 total construction grant to be paid to cities, towns and regional
 13 school districts on account of projects approved after the effective
 14 date of this act shall be based on the following percentages;
 15 provided, however, that no grant shall be approved for any
 16 amount less than fifty per cent nor greater than ninety per cent
 17 of total construction costs;