

SENATE No. 361

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 23, 1918.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading to which was referred the Bill to authorize the use by the federal government of certain institutions or other resources of the commonwealth, and to establish a bureau, for the re-education of certain soldiers and sailors (Senate, No. 333), reports recommending that the same be amended as follows, and that, when so amended, it will be correctly drawn:— By substituting a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

JOHN HALLIWELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

To authorize the Federal Government to use Certain Institutions and other State Resources and to establish a Bureau for the Re-education of Certain Soldiers and Sailors.

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. For the purpose of fitting for
2 employment in the industries of the common-
3 wealth, and of making self-supporting and inde-
4 pendent of charitable aid soldiers and sailors who
5 have been or may become disabled or diseased in
6 the present war service of the United States or of
7 its allies, and who are residents of the common-
8 wealth at the time of their discharge, or within
9 one year thereafter, and continue to be residents
10 while receiving the benefits of this act, the board
11 of education is hereby directed to establish a
12 bureau for their training and instruction.

1 SECTION 2. Said bureau shall consist of a
2 qualified executive head, appointed by the board

3 of education, who shall be known as the director
4 of re-education, and an advisory board. The
5 board of education shall provide the bureau with
6 suitable offices and clerical assistants, and shall
7 be allowed for salaries and expenses such sums as
8 the governor and council may approve. The
9 advisory board shall consist of the commissioner
10 of education, who shall be chairman, the surgeon-
11 general, the commissioner of health, the director
12 of the bureau of statistics, the chairman of the
13 industrial accident board, and the supervisor of
14 administration, ex officio, and nine other persons
15 to act without compensation who shall be ap-
16 pointed by the governor, with the advice and
17 consent of the council. The said director shall
18 be the executive secretary of the board.

1 SECTION 3. The governor, with the advice
2 and consent of the council, is hereby authorized to
3 transfer, either wholly or in part, to the board
4 of education, for the use of said bureau, the use
5 and custody of any state hospital, school or work-
6 shop, including its equipment and employees,
7 or any other suitable resources of the common-
8 wealth, for a period not exceeding the duration of
9 the present war and two years after its termination
10 as defined by federal authority.

1 SECTION 4. The board of education, acting
2 through said bureau, is hereby empowered to
3 make reasonable agreements for the use of
4 available facilities for the purposes of this act, to

5 provide such facilities where needed and to con-
6 tract for or engage the services of qualified persons
7 to teach or supervise the soldiers and sailors
8 seeking re-education or training under the pro-
9 visions of this act.

1 SECTION 5. The governor, with the advice and
2 consent of the council, may lease to, or permit to
3 be used by, the United States or any department,
4 bureau or agency thereof, any state hospital,
5 school, workshop and its premises and equipment
6 or any other suitable resources belonging to the
7 commonwealth for the purpose of enabling the
8 United States to undertake, carry on and main-
9 tain the re-education, reconstruction and re-
10 habilitation in industry of any soldiers and
11 sailors in the service of the United States or of its
12 allies and may assign to the United States or its
13 agents any agreement or contract entered into
14 by the board of education or said bureau in carry-
15 ing out the purposes of this act, upon such terms
16 and conditions as will fully protect the common-
17 wealth against expense.

1 SECTION 6. To carry out the provisions of this
2 act, there may be expended out of the treasury of
3 the commonwealth, subject to the approval of
4 the board of education during the present fiscal
5 year, not more than twenty thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.