
By Messrs. Bulger of Boston and Doherty of Boston, petition of Gerard F. Doherty and William M. Bulger for legislation to increase state aid to public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF STATE AID TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS PER CENSUS CHILD.

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 3 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in section 1 of chapter 643 of the acts of 1948, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:— The amount of such
5 grant for each town shall be determined annually by the com-
6 missioner from the returns required by this chapter and by
7 chapter seventy-two for the preceding school year, and shall be
8 fifty per cent of the foundation program, as defined in section
9 four.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 70, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting
3 in place thereof the following sentence:— The foundation pro-
4 gram shall be an amount of one hundred and thirty dollars for
5 each person between the ages of seven and sixteen in the several
6 towns as determined in the registration of minors required by
7 section two of chapter seventy-two; provided, that in any town
8 of less than five thousand population, the foundation program
9 may, on approval of the commissioner, be the product of one
10 hundred and twenty-five dollars multiplied by the number of
11 equivalent full-time teachers, principals, supervisors and guid-
12 ance directors in the public day schools of such town multiplied
13 by twenty-three.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC

The Constitution of the Republic of the United States of America is the supreme law of the land. It is the foundation of the government and the rights of the people. The Constitution is divided into seven articles. Article I establishes the legislative branch, the United States Congress, which consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate. Article II establishes the executive branch, the President of the United States. Article III establishes the judicial branch, the Supreme Court of the United States. The remaining four articles deal with the structure and powers of the government, the rights of the states, and the rights of the people.

The Constitution is a living document that has been amended several times since its adoption in 1787. The amendments have expanded the rights of the people and clarified the powers of the government. The Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments, are particularly important as they protect the individual liberties of the citizens. The Constitution is a source of pride and inspiration for the American people, and it is the cornerstone of our democracy.