
By Mr. Marr of Lynn (by request), petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers AFL:CIO for legislation relative to increasing state aid for schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING STATE AID FOR 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. Section 1 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 inserting after the word "aid", in line 6, the words:
4 — and shall be expended for the current support of schools, —
5 so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* To promote the equaliza-
6 tion of educational opportunity in public schools of the common-
7 wealth and the equalization of the burden of the cost of schools
8 to the respective towns, the state treasurer shall pay annually
9 to the several towns sums as provided in this chapter, which
10 sums shall be known as school aid and shall be expended for the
11 current support of schools.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 70 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 3, as amended by section 2 of chapter 599
3 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 3.* The state treasurer shall annually on or before
6 May fifteenth of the year following the due date of the certifica-
7 tion by the commissioner, as required by section nine, pay to the
8 several towns the amounts required under this chapter to the
9 extent that funds are then available under section eighteen of
10 chapter fifty-eight of the General Laws, and on or before October
11 fifteenth of such year pay the balance, if any, of such amounts.
12 The revenue of the Massachusetts school fund, any federal funds

13 available for the purposes of this chapter, and such additional
14 amounts as may be required, not exceeding in any year one half
15 of the total amount payable to the towns under this chapter
16 from the proceeds of the taxation of incomes under chapter
17 sixty-two, or, if such proceeds are insufficient, from such other
18 revenues as may be appropriated therefor, shall be applied to
19 such payments. The amount of such grant for each town shall
20 be determined annually by the commissioner from the returns
21 required by this chapter and by chapter seventy-two for the
22 preceding school year, and shall be the amount by which the
23 foundation program, as defined in section four, exceeds the prod-
24 uct of each one thousand dollars of the equalized valuation of
25 such town multiplied by six; provided, however, that no town
26 shall, under this section, receive in any year less than forty
27 dollars for each person between the ages of five and eighteen
28 years as determined in the previous year in the registration of
29 minors required by section two of chapter seventy-two.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of said chapter 70 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the first seven lines and the first eight words in line
3 eight and inserting in place thereof the words: — The foundation
4 program shall be an amount of one hundred and thirty dollars
5 for each person between the ages of five and eighteen years in
6 the several towns as determined in the registration of minors
7 required by section two of chapter seventy-two, which amount
8 shall be increased or decreased by an amount, to the nearest
9 whole dollar, equal to six dollars for each thousand dollars of
10 increase or decrease, respectively, in the total equalized valua-
11 tion of the commonwealth divided by the total number of per-
12 sons between the ages of five and eighteen years as determined in
13 the previous year under section two of chapter seventy-two.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter 70 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 8 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section: —

4 *Section 8.* The amount of school aid payable to any town
5 under section three in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-three,
6 and annually thereafter, shall be reduced in the amount by
7 which the expenditure by such town in the preceding year for
8 school support, exclusive of expenditures for school transpor-
9 tation, school lunches and tuitions, was less than the product of

10 sixty-five per cent of the average of such expenditures per pupil
11 in an average membership in the state multiplied by the number
12 of such pupils in the town in said preceding year.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect as of January first,
2 nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

