

HOUSE No. 360.

[Bill accompanying the petition of the School Committee of Ludlow
and others. Public Charitable Institutions.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

AN ACT

Relating to Children Under the Charge and Control of the
State Board of Lunacy and Charity and to the Cost of
their Education and Instruction in the 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. In any town or city where children be-
2 tween the ages of five and fifteen years are placed,
3 boarded, or bound out by the state board of lunacy and
4 charity, or are kept under the control of said board, the
5 whole number of such children in any such town or city,
6 exclusive of children not educated or instructed in the
7 public schools, shall not exceed five per cent. of the
8 whole number of all the children in said town or city
9 between said ages.

1 SECT. 2. For the education and instruction in the
2 public schools in any town or city of any child or chil-
3 dren between the ages of five and fifteen years who shall
4 be placed, boarded, or bound out by said board, or kept
5 under the control of said board, in said town or city, the
6 Commonwealth shall pay to such town or city for the ed-
7 ucation and instruction aforesaid the cost thereof per day
8 for the number of days of attendance of such child or
9 children in the public schools, such cost to be determined
10 by finding the average cost per day for the education and
11 instruction of all the children between said ages who
12 shall attend the same school as that attended by the child
13 or children placed, boarded, bound out, or kept under
14 control as aforesaid.

1 SECT. 3. Settlement of accounts of the several towns
2 and cities with the Commonwealth under this act shall
3 be made yearly on the first day of April and the amounts
4 found due shall be paid within the next three months
5 thereafter.

