

HOUSE No. 1440.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 9, 1900.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the bill (taken from the files of last year) to authorize a state appropriation for the support of public schools (House, No. 104), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

LESTER L. BURRINGTON.

Messrs. TOLMAN and KELIHER, of the Senate, and Messrs. CLARK of Dedham, WINSLOE of Boston and CHARLES S. SULLIVAN of Boston, of the House, dissent.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 28, P.M., 1900.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill to authorize a state appropriation for the support of public schools, report that the further consideration thereof be referred to the next general court.

For the Committee,

CHAS. H. ADAMS.

Mr. REED, of Taunton, dissents.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

AN ACT

To authorize a State Appropriation for the Support
of 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. The state shall annually apportion
2 and distribute to the cities and towns of the Com-
3 monwealth, to be used for the support of public
4 schools only, the proceeds of a tax levied upon all
5 taxable property in the Commonwealth at the rate
6 of one mill on the dollar, said tax to be assessed
7 and collected in the same manner as other state
8 taxes are assessed and collected. The apportion-
9 ment and distribution of the aforesaid proceeds
10 shall be to the several cities and towns in propor-
11 tion to the average attendance in the public
12 schools for the school year preceding such appor-
13 tionment and distribution; and for the purposes
14 of this act a city or town shall be credited with
15 the attendance of such of its pupils as may have
16 attended a public school in another city or town,
17 provided the first-mentioned city or town, or the

18 Commonwealth, pays tuition therefor, in accord-
19 ance with the provisions of chapter four hundred
20 and thirty-six and section six of chapter four hun-
21 dred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year
22 eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and of chapter
23 two hundred and twelve of the acts of the year
24 eighteen hundred and ninety-five. All facts rela-
25 tive to attendance for the purposes of this act shall
26 be determined in accordance with the returns re-
27 quired by law to be made by school committees to
28 the state board of education.

1 SECTION 2. The proceeds of the tax shall be ap-
2 portioned by the secretary of the state board of
3 education and the treasurer and receiver-general
4 in the manner provided in the preceding section,
5 and paid over by the treasurer and receiver-gen-
6 eral to the treasurers of the several cities and towns
7 on the twenty-fifth day of January in each year.

1 SECTION 3. The proceeds apportioned and
2 distributed to the cities and towns as provided
3 in section two shall be used exclusively for the
4 wages and board of teachers, transportation of
5 school children, fuel for the schools, care of fires
6 and school rooms, supervision, books and supplies.

1 SECTION 4. No such apportionment and dis-
2 tribution shall be made to a city or town which
3 has not maintained schools as required by section
4 one of chapter forty-four of the Public Statutes
5 and amendments thereof ; or which has not made

6 the returns required by sections six and eight of
7 chapter forty-six of the Public Statutes, nor shall
8 such apportionment and distribution after the first
9 year be made to any city or town which has not,
10 during the preceding year, expended for the pur-
11 poses named in section three of this act a sum
12 equal to eighteen dollars per capita of the average
13 membership in its public schools for such year;
14 provided, that to raise said sum of eighteen dol-
15 lars per capita of its average membership no city
16 or town shall be obliged to levy a tax for the pur-
17 poses specified in section three of this act higher
18 than at the rate of three dollars per one thousand
19 of its valuation; nor shall such apportionment
20 and distribution be made after the year nineteen
21 hundred and five to any city or town which does
22 not provide for the employment of a skilled super-
23 intendent of schools; *provided*, that any city or
24 town which shall be deprived of its share in the
25 distribution by reason of its failure to so provide
26 may have the time when it shall be required to so
27 provide extended by the state board of education
28 after showing good reason for such extension.

1 SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of state board
2 of education to notify the treasurer and receiver-
3 general of all cases of failure to comply with the
4 requirements and conditions specified in section
5 four of this act.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on the
2 first day of May next following its passage.