

[Bill accompanying the petition of Charles E. Ward for legislation to provide for reimbursing certain towns for expenses incurred in furnishing high school instruction. Education. February 3]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To provide for reimbursing Certain Towns for Expenses incurred in furnishing High School Instruction.

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 three of chapter forty-two of the Revised Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words "A town
3 whose valuation does not exceed five hundred thousand
4 dollars shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of
5 the Commonwealth all necessary amounts which have
6 been actually expended for high school tuition under the
7 provisions of this section, if such expenditure shall be
8 certified under oath to the board of education by its
9 school committee within thirty days after the date of
10 such expenditure, and such high school shall have been
11 approved by the board of education," and inserting in
12 the place thereof the following: A town whose valua-
13 tion is less than seven hundred and fifty thousand dol-
14 lars shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the
15 Commonwealth all necessary amounts, and a town whose

16 valuation exceeds seven hundred and fifty thousand dol-
17 lars but whose number of families is less than five hun-
18 dred shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the
19 commonwealth half of all necessary amounts which have
20 been actually expended for high school tuition under the
21 provisions of this section, if such expenditure shall be
22 certified under oath to the board of education by its
23 school committee within thirty days after the date of
24 such expenditure; but, if a town of less than five hun-
25 dred families maintains a high school of its own of the
26 character described in section two of this act and em-
27 ploys at least two teachers therein, it shall be entitled
28 to receive annually from the treasury of the Common-
29 wealth towards the support of such high school the sum
30 of three hundred dollars. No town, the valuation of
31 which averages a less sum for each pupil in the average
32 membership of its public schools than the corresponding
33 state average, shall receive money from the state under
34 the provisions of this section; and no expenditure shall
35 be made by the state on account of high school instruc-
36 tion under the provisions of this section unless the high
37 school in which such instruction is furnished has been
38 approved by the board of education,— so that the sec-
39 tion shall read as follows:—

40 *Section 3.* A town of less than five hundred families
41 or householders in which a public high school or a public
42 school of corresponding grade is not maintained shall
43 pay for the tuition of any child who resides in said town
44 and who, with the previous approval of the school com-
45 mittee of his town, attends the high school of another
46 town or city. If such town neglects or refuses to pay
47 for such tuition, it shall be liable therefor to the parent
48 or guardian of a child who has been furnished with such
49 tuition if the parent or guardian has paid for the same,
50 and otherwise to the city or town furnishing the same,

51 in an action of contract. If the school committee of a
52 town in which a public high school or public school of
53 corresponding grade is not maintained refuses, upon the
54 completion by a pupil resident therein of the course of
55 study provided by it, to approve his attendance in the
56 high school of some other city or town which he, in the
57 opinion of the superintendent of schools of the town in
58 which he is resident is qualified to enter, the town shall
59 be liable in an action of contract for his tuition. A town
60 whose valuation is less than seven hundred and fifty
61 thousand dollars shall be entitled to receive from the
62 treasury of the Commonwealth all necessary amounts,
63 and a town whose valuation exceeds seven hundred and
64 fifty thousand dollars but whose number of families is
65 less than five hundred shall be entitled to receive from
66 the treasury of the Commonwealth half of all necessary
67 amounts which have been actually expended for high
68 school tuition under the provisions of this section, if such
69 expenditure shall be certified under oath to the board of
70 education by its school committee within thirty days
71 after the date of such expenditure; but, if a town of
72 less than five hundred families maintains a high school
73 of its own of the character described in section two of
74 this act and employs at least two teachers therein, it
75 shall be entitled to receive annually from the treasury of
76 the Commonwealth towards the support of such high
77 school the sum of three hundred dollars. No town, the
78 valuation of which averages a less sum for each pupil in
79 the average membership of its public schools than the
80 corresponding state average, shall receive money from
81 the state under the provisions of this section; and no
82 expenditure shall be made by the state on account of
83 high school instruction under the provisions of this sec-
84 tion unless the high school in which such instruction is
85 furnished has been approved by the board of education.

