

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1726.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

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### AN ACT

To promote Manual Training in Public High 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. Any town maintaining a public high  
2 school established under the provisions of section two of  
3 chapter forty-two of the Revised Laws and section three  
4 of chapter forty-two of the Revised Laws as amended by  
5 chapter four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of nine-  
6 teen hundred and two and chapter two hundred of the  
7 acts of nineteen hundred and six, which maintains in  
8 such school courses in manual training which include the  
9 elements of agriculture, mechanic arts or domestic science  
10 approved as to equipment, instruction and expenditure by  
11 the state board of education, shall be aided by the Com-  
12 monwealth in the support of such courses under the fol-

13 lowing conditions: Towns raising by taxation and ex-  
14 pending for the support of public schools more than five  
15 dollars for each thousand dollars of their valuation shall  
16 be reimbursed by the Commonwealth to the amount of  
17 one-half the cost of these courses; those expending four  
18 dollars and less than five dollars for each thousand dol-  
19 lars of valuation shall be reimbursed to the amount of  
20 one-third the cost; and those expending less than four  
21 dollars for each thousand dollars of valuation shall be  
22 reimbursed to the amount of one-fifth the cost. The cost  
23 of these courses may include new equipment but not cost  
24 of buildings or of land or of rent of rooms. The aid  
25 rendered by the Commonwealth under this section shall  
26 be in addition to the state aid furnished under the pro-  
27 visions of section three of chapter forty-two of the Re-  
28 vised Laws as amended by chapter four hundred and  
29 thirty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and two and  
30 chapter two hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
31 six, and by any subsequent legislation, but not more than  
32 two thousand dollars shall be paid in any one year in aid  
33 of such courses in any one town.

1 SECTION 2. The board of education is hereby directed  
2 to include in its estimates for educational purposes for  
3 the year nineteen hundred and nine and thereafter an-  
4 nually a sum necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
5 act: *provided*, that not more than five thousand dollars  
6 shall be expended in any one year.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the first day  
2 of December in the year nineteen hundred and eight.