

SENATE No. 113

To accompany the petition of George H. Martin that the efficiency of the public schools be increased. Education.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To increase the Efficiency of 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. Any city or town maintaining a pub-
2 lic high school established under the provisions of
3 section two of chapter forty-two of the Revised
4 Laws and section three of chapter forty-two of the
5 Revised Laws as amended by chapter four hun-
6 dred and thirty-three of the acts of nineteen
7 hundred and two and chapter two hundred of the
8 acts of nineteen hundred and six, which maintains
9 in such school courses in practical arts which
10 include the elements of agriculture, mechanic arts
11 or domestic science approved as to equipment, in-
12 struction and expenditure by the state board of
13 education, shall be aided by the commonwealth in
14 the support of such courses under the following

15 conditions: Cities or towns raising by taxation and
16 expending for the support of public schools more
17 than five dollars for each thousand dollars of their
18 valuation, to be reimbursed by the commonwealth
19 to the amount of one half the cost of these courses;
20 those expending four dollars and less than five
21 dollars for each thousand dollars of valuation to
22 be reimbursed to the amount of one third the cost;
23 and those expending less than four dollars for each
24 thousand dollars of valuation to be reimbursed to
25 the amount of one fifth the cost. The cost of these
26 courses may include new equipment but not cost
27 of buildings or of land or of rent of rooms. The
28 aid rendered by the commonwealth under this law
29 shall be in addition to the state aid furnished under
30 the provisions of section three of chapter forty-
31 two of the Revised Laws as amended by chapter
32 four hundred and thirty-three of the acts of nine-
33 teen hundred and two and chapter two hundred
34 of the acts of nineteen hundred and six, but not
35 more than two thousand dollars shall be paid in
36 any one year in aid of such courses in any one
37 town or city.

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

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