

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2205

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 18, 1912.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 118) of Albert M. Child and another for the establishment of an agricultural school in the county of Essex, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

EDW. T. MORSE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 1912.

The committee on Counties on the part of the House, to whom was referred the Bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an independent agricultural school in the county of Essex, report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

WILTON B. FAY.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 22, 1912.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to provide for the establishment and maintenance of an independent agricultural school in the county of Essex, report that the same ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN L. SALTONSTALL.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

### AN ACT

To provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of an Independent Agricultural School in the County of Essex.

*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. At the next state election there shall be  
2 placed upon the official ballots for the county of Essex, the  
3 following question:— Shall the county of Essex establish  
4 an independent agricultural school? Provided the majority  
5 of voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative, the governor  
6 by and with the consent of the council, shall appoint four  
7 persons, one for the term of one year, one for the term of  
8 two years, one for the term of three years and one for the  
9 term of four years, and thereafter annually one for the term  
10 of four years, residents of said county, who together with  
11 the county commissioners for said county shall be known as  
12 the trustees of the independent agricultural school of the  
13 county of Essex. Said trustees shall serve without compen-  
14 sation, but shall be reimbursed for their necessary traveling  
15 expenses, the same to be charged and paid on account of  
16 maintenance, as hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 2. The said trustees are hereby authorized to  
2 determine the location of said school, subject to the approval  
3 of the board of education, and to expend the sum of seventy-  
4 five thousand dollars to be provided by the county of Essex,  
5 for the purchase of real estate and the erection or altera-  
6 tion of buildings therefor. Thereafter the said county of  
7 Essex shall each year upon the recommendation of the said  
8 trustees raise by taxation a sum not exceeding twenty-five  
9 thousand dollars for the maintenance of said school, and  
10 the sum so raised shall be paid to the said trustees by the  
11 treasurer of the said county upon their requisition. In  
12 order to provide for the county's expense in establishing  
13 and equipping the agricultural school herein provided for,  
14 the county commissioners of Essex county are hereby  
15 authorized to issue county bonds to an amount of seventy-  
16 five thousand dollars, to mature in whole or in part in not  
17 less than twenty years, with interest at not exceeding four  
18 per cent per annum; and the sum so raised shall be paid to  
19 the said trustees by the treasurer of the said county upon  
20 their requisition. Said county commissioners may by vote  
21 provide for the payment of said debt by such proportionate  
22 or other annual payments as will extinguish the same at  
23 maturity, but so that the aggregate amount of principal  
24 and interest of such debt payable in any given year shall  
25 not together be less than the aggregate amount of principal  
26 and interest payable in any subsequent year, and there-  
27 upon such annual amount shall, without further vote, be  
28 assessed under the provisions of laws relating to the assess-  
29 ment of county taxes.

1 SECTION 3. In order to aid in the maintenance of said  
2 school the treasurer of the commonwealth shall so long as  
3 said school is approved by the board of education, pay as  
4 provided for in section four of this act and upon the recom-

5 mendment of said board, to the county of Essex from money  
6 in the treasury one half of the cost of maintaining said  
7 school, the yearly payments not to exceed the sum of twelve  
8 thousand five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 4. The school authorized under this act shall  
2 be maintained as an approved school subject to all the pro-  
3 visions of chapter four hundred and seventy-one of the acts  
4 of the year nineteen hundred and eleven and all amend-  
5 ments thereto not inconsistent with this act, and the said  
6 county of Essex maintaining such a school shall be reim-  
7 bursed for expenditures incurred in its maintenance in the  
8 same manner and to the same extent as is provided for the  
9 reimbursement of towns and cities under the provisions of  
10 the same chapter, with all amendments thereto.

1 SECTION 5. 1. Said school shall be free for attendance  
2 to all residents of said county over fourteen and under  
3 twenty-five years of age. Any resident over fourteen and  
4 under twenty-five years of age of any city or town in Massa-  
5 chusetts which does not maintain an agricultural school  
6 approved by the board of education, offering the type of  
7 training which he desires, may make application for admis-  
8 sion to the said school. The board of education, whose  
9 decision shall be final, may approve or disapprove such  
10 application. In making such a decision the board of edu-  
11 cation shall take into consideration the opportunities for  
12 free agricultural training in the community in which the  
13 applicant resides, the financial status of the community, the  
14 age, sex, preparation, aptitude and previous record of the  
15 applicant, and all other relevant circumstances.

16 2. The city or town in which the person resides, whose  
17 application for admission to the said school has been ap-  
18 proved as herein provided, shall pay such tuition fee as  
19 may be fixed by the board of education; and the common-

20 wealth shall reimburse such a city or town upon the recom-  
21 mendation of the board of education to the extent of one  
22 half the sum expended by such a city or town in payment of  
23 such tuition fee. If any city or town neglects or refuses to  
24 pay for such tuition, it shall be liable therefor in an action  
25 of contract to said trustees of said school. The said trustees  
26 are hereby charged with the duty and responsibility of col-  
27 lecting all moneys due the school from tuition fees, the work  
28 of pupils, the sale of products or from any other source  
29 other than local taxation and of paying over such moneys  
30 to the treasurer of the said Essex county.

1 SECTION 6. The provisions of chapter five hundred and  
2 thirty of the acts of nineteen hundred and eight for half  
3 rate fare upon street railways shall apply to pupils of said  
4 school.

1 SECTION 7. So much of this act as applies to the referen-  
2 dum shall take effect upon its passage, the residue upon its  
3 acceptance by the voters of the county as provided in section  
4 one of this act.





