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Bill accompanying the petition of Michael A. O'Brien, Jr., that certain cities be authorized to raise and expend money for municipal universities. Education. January 5.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

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### AN ACT

To amend Charters of Cities of the First Class and to authorize Cities of the First Class to support by the Levy of a Tax, or otherwise, a Municipal University.

*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. That the "General Council" of any city  
2 of the first class which has a municipal university, as  
3 defined in this act, may annually cause to be levied and  
4 collected for support of such university a tax not less  
5 than one cent, nor more than three cents, on each one  
6 hundred dollars worth of property subject to taxation for  
7 city purposes.

1 SECTION 2. A municipal university within the mean-  
2 ing of this act is a university established or supported

3 in whole or in part by funds raised by municipal taxa-  
4 tion and controlled by a board of trustees appointed by  
5 the mayor and general council of such municipal cor-  
6 poration, and consisting of departments united under  
7 one organization or management, affording instruction  
8 in the arts, sciences and professions, and conferring  
9 degrees.

1 SECTION 3. Such levy shall be made by the general  
2 council at the same time and in like manner as other  
3 levies for municipal purposes, and the amount levied  
4 shall be placed to the credit of the university fund, upon  
5 the completion of the assessment of property for taxa-  
6 tion, and paid as collected, subject to such discount as  
7 is allowed on any other city taxes, in regular weekly  
8 installments, by the treasurer of the city to the treas-  
9 urer of the university.

1 SECTION 4. The general council of such municipal  
2 corporation having a municipal university, may devote  
3 to university purposes, from time to time, any other  
4 funds not derived from taxes levied for a special purpose.

1 SECTION 5. A municipal university shall be entitled  
2 to support under this act, when its chief work is the  
3 maintenance of courses of instruction in advance of or  
4 supplementary to, the instruction maintained in high  
5 schools under the control of the boards of education.

1 SECTION 6. General council of such municipal cor-  
2 poration may set apart or appropriate as a site for the  
3 buildings and grounds of such a municipal university,  
4 any public grounds of the city, not specially appropri-  
5 ated or dedicated by ordinance to any other use.

1 SECTION 7. An annual report and audit of receipts  
2 and disbursements of funds received by the municipal  
3 university under this act shall be made in addition to  
4 such other report on the condition of the university as  
5 may be required by its charter.

1 SECTION 8. This act to become operative upon its  
2 enactment.

