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Bill accompanying the petition of Katharine Bowlker for the maintenance of schools for the education of persons unable to speak the English Language. Education. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

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### AN ACT

To require Cities and Towns to provide Schools for the Education of Persons over Sixteen Years of Age who are Unable to speak the English Language.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Every city or town in which there are one hundred  
2 or more persons more than sixteen years of age who do  
3 not speak the English language shall establish and main-  
4 tain schools or classes for the instruction of such persons  
5 of both sexes, in the English language, in the duties and  
6 rights of citizenship and in the principles of the American  
7 system of government, and generally to further their  
8 education. Such schools or classes shall be held at least  
9 three days or nights a week for not less than twenty  
10 weeks in each year: *provided, however, that with the*

11 approval of the board of education two or more cities  
 12 and towns may unite in the maintenance of such schools  
 13 or classes: and *provided, also*, that the board\* of educa-  
 14 tion may relieve from full compliance with the provi-  
 15 sions of this act any city or town in which the number  
 16 of persons unable to speak the English language is dis-  
 17 proportioned to the amount of income which can be  
 18 reached for such purposes through taxation or otherwise.



