
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 22, 1967.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I have been informed by Dr. John W. Lederle, President of the University of Massachusetts, that the growth in the planned enrollments at the University in Amherst will require additional housing for students. All such housing in recent years has been provided by the University of Massachusetts Building Authority, established by Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1960. This act authorizes the construction of housing and dining hall facilities upon request of the trustees of the University, and financed by self-liquidating bonds of the authority. The Commonwealth, however, is required to guarantee that sufficient revenue will be available to meet the debt service cost.

The present authorized maximum of bonds to be issued is \$60,000,000. Virtually this entire amount has been committed for the construction of facilities. President Lederle states that the Authority has issued a total of \$32,265,000 of bonds to date to finance projects now in use and that the Authority has under construction or in design four additional projects for which up to \$27,700,000 has been allocated. These Authority projects have already provided for dormitory and dining facilities at the Amherst campus for some 5,700 students, and for the University of Massachusetts Memorial Alumni Stadium with permanent seating for 17,000 persons. Projects now under construction and design will provide facilities for 1,800 additional students, for a parking garage to accommodate 1,000 automobiles, and a new campus center to supplement the existing student union building and to add facilities for conferences and meetings.

The expansion of the University in accordance with present plans requires that work begin at once on the design of housing and dining facilities for an additional 1,000 students and on planning for accommodations for a further 5,000 students to be admitted at later dates.

It is estimated that the authority needs a minimum of \$20,000,000 in addition to the amount currently authorized, to meet the cost of construction of the facilities for the 1,000 students and to permit a start on the further program. Not only is that construction desirable to meet the growing needs of the University; but also this method of providing the needed facilities is the most economical manner in which these needs can be met.

I, therefore, recommend that you enact the attached legislation, designated Appendix "A", in order that the University may have these facilities available to meet its schedule of enrollment.

Inasmuch as the proposed legislation involves the borrowing of money and the pledge of the credit of the Commonwealth, in order to comply with all requirements of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, I specifically recommend as the terms for borrowing the additional amount proposed by the attached legislation the terms set forth in Section 7 of Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1960 as most recently amended by Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1966, and I request that the legislation be enacted by two-thirds vote by the yeas and nays in each branch of the General Court.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

APPENDIX "A"

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT CREATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BUILDING AUTHORITY.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to provide urgently needed
3 facilities for students at the University of Massachusetts, there-
4 fore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for
5 the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Section 7 of chapter 773 of the acts of 1960, as
2 amended by chapter 845 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first paragraph thereof and insert-
4 ing in its place the following:—

5 *Section 7. Authority Bonds and Notes.*—The Authority is
6 hereby authorized to provide by resolution at one time or from
7 time to time for the issue of bonds of the Authority for the pur-
8 pose of paying all or any part of the cost of a project or for the
9 purpose of refunding outstanding indebtedness of the Authority
10 incurred under this act or any other authority to finance or re-
11 finance a project; provided, that the Authority shall not issue
12 bonds the principal amount of which, when added to the prin-
13 cipal amount of bonds and bonds theretofore issued and then
14 outstanding hereunder, excluding bonds and notes previously
15 refunded or being or to be refunded thereby, shall exceed eighty
16 million dollars.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10 of said chapter 773, as appearing in
2 section 11 of chapter 684 of the acts of 1963, and as amended by
3 chapter 845 of the acts of 1965, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the last sentence thereof and inserting in its place
5 the following sentence:— The guaranty of the commonwealth
6 provided pursuant to such contract shall be of the payment of
7 the principal or, and interest on, all such notes and bonds as the
8 same become due and payable, and the full faith and credit of
9 the commonwealth is hereby pledged for any such guaranty;
10 provided, that the total amount of notes and bonds so guaranteed
11 and outstanding at any one time shall not exceed eighty million
12 dollars in the aggregate for all projects of the Authority, exclu-
13 sive of bonds and notes previously refunded or being refunded
14 thereby.