

HOUSE No. 5058

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 17, 1967.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill establishing a Merrimack Valley Industrial Information Center (House, No. 798), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 5058).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MERRIMACK VALLEY INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION CENTER.

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. The department of commerce and development
2 hereinafter referred to as the department, is hereby authorized
3 to establish a pilot regional center for combining and distribut-
4 ing information dealing with scientific and technological ad-
5 vancement, marketing knowledge, new techniques in public
6 and industrial relations for the industries, businesses and labor
7 organizations of Northeastern Massachusetts, said center to be
8 known as the Merrimack Valley Industrial Information Center,
9 hereinafter referred to as the center and to be located at the
10 Lowell Technological Institute Research Foundation.

1 SECTION 2. An initial appropriation of fifty thousand dollars
2 shall be provided for the fiscal year of nineteen hundred and
3 sixty-seven, for the purpose of preparing a comprehensive plan
4 for the organization and operation of the center. This plan shall
5 provide detailed estimates of the financial requirements of the
6 center and the ways and means for meeting these requirements
7 through contributions as may be provided by the federal, com-
8 monwealth, and local governments, the foundation, participating
9 businesses and industries, labor organizations, and other in-
10 terested groups or organizations.

1 SECTION 3. The program of the center shall include the
2 following: in the scientific and technological areas, releases
3 dealing with scientific and technological advancement, in-
4 dustry and product seminars, consultation on problems in
5 products and processes; in the marketing area, assessment of
6 the accessibility of markets and suitability of products and

7 industries to the northeastern Massachusetts region, financing,
8 seminars on trade and international marketing, and education
9 on licensing, trade contracts, and channels to foreign markets;
10 in the management and industrial relations area, releases on
11 new scientific and technological advancement affecting man-
12 power development and economic growth, new skill seminars,
13 education on organization, administration, and coordination
14 of industrial relations and projection of future opportunities
15 and consultation and counseling to labor and management
16 on problems in labor management relations.

1 SECTION 4. The Merrimack Valley region, which the center
2 shall serve, is defined as that area including the standard metro-
3 politan statistical areas of Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill, and
4 Newburyport, and extending westerly to the Middlesex county-
5 Worcester county boundary line and east to the Atlantic ocean.
6 The department shall evaluate the progress of this pilot center
7 for the purpose of making recommendations concerning the es-
8 tablishment of regional industrial information centers elsewhere
9 in the commonwealth.

