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Accompanying the eighteenth recommendation of the Board of Education  
(House, No. 43). Education.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A CITY OR TOWN OR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL IN SAID CITY, TOWN OR REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE OR REDUCE RACIAL IMBALANCE IN ANOTHER CITY OR TOWN.

*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 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by adding the following paragraph:—
- 3 If a city, town or regional school district undertakes school
- 4 construction for the purpose of eliminating or reducing racial
- 5 imbalance, as defined in section thirty-seven of chapter
- 6 seventy-one, which exists in another city or town, and if the
- 7 number of nonwhite children which the school committee
- 8 accepts as of October first is five per cent of the public school
- 9 population of said city, town or regional school district or
- 10 four hundred, whichever is less, the state shall pay as a
- 11 construction grant the state average construction cost per
- 12 pupil in an elementary school, junior high and high school as
- 13 determined by the department for the previous year for each
- 14 nonwhite child. This grant will be spread over a period of
- 15 twenty years, commencing at the time of the award of the
- 16 construction contract. If in any year the quota of five per
- 17 cent or four hundred, whichever is less, is not met and in the
- 18 judgment of the department the failure is not the fault of the
- 19 school system, payment will still be made by the state for

20 that year. The nonwhite children may be distributed in other  
21 schools in the system. The school construction must be  
22 approved by the department. Nonwhite children from  
23 another city or town already attending the public schools of  
24 the other city or town shall be included in the five per cent or  
25 four hundred quota, whichever is less. The grant for reducing  
26 racial imbalance in another city or town shall be in addition  
27 to the total construction grant approved under section nine of  
28 chapter six hundred and forty-five of the acts of nineteen  
29 hundred and forty-eight.