

By Mr. McGee of Lynn, petition of Thomas W. McGee for requiring school committees to reimburse teachers for sums of money expended for improving their skills and authorizing the State Board of Education to make loans for certain teachers for attending graduate schools of education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL COMMITTEES TO REIMBURSE TEACHERS FOR SUMS EXPENDED FOR IMPROVING THEIR SKILLS AND AUTHORIZING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MAKE LOANS TO CERTAIN TEACHERS FOR ATTENDING CERTAIN GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

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 38I of chapter 71 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out said section 38I and inserting
3 in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 38I.* The school committee of any city, town or
5 regional school district shall, under regulations prescribed by
6 said committee, reimburse teachers, while they are employed
7 on a full time basis, for tuition and fees incurred by them for
8 upgrading skills and improving proficiency.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 6E the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 6F.* The board of education is hereby authorized to
5 grant a leave of absence to any person serving as a full time
6 teacher in the public schools to attend a graduate school of
7 higher education approved by the said board, for the purpose
8 of upgrading the skills and proficiency of such teacher. The
9 commonwealth may, through said board, make loans to any
10 such teacher for the tuition and other fees necessary to

11 pursue such a graduate course of study. The teacher shall be
12 required to enter into an agreement with the commonwealth
13 providing for the repayment of such loans within a period of
14 five years from the completion of his leave of absence,
15 provided that no such loan shall be repaid if the teacher
16 returns to work for a school committee in Massachusetts for
17 such period of time as the said board may require. The said
18 board is hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations
19 as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.
20 The said board shall grant loans from such funds as may be
21 appropriated therefor.