

By Mr. Rogers of New Bedford, petition of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association and George Rogers relative to financial assistance for cities and towns in the purchase or acquisition of existing nonpublic schoolhouses. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CITIES AND TOWNS
IN THE PURCHASE OR ACQUISITION OF EXISTING NONPUBLIC
SCHOOL HOUSES.**

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide financial assistance
3 forthwith for certain cities and towns for the purchase and
4 acquisition of nonpublic schoolhouses, therefore it is hereby
5 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
6 preservation of the public safety and 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 The definition of "Approved School Project" in section 5 of
2 chapter 645 of the acts of 1948 is hereby further amended by
3 adding the following sentence:—Approved school project
4 shall also mean the purchase and/or acquisition of any
5 existing nonpublic school house, and the remodeling, rehabili-
6 tation and modernization of the same incidental to said
7 purchase or acquisition, by any city, town or regional school
8 building committee, which has been approved by the com-
9 mission for the purposes of section seven through nine,
10 inclusive; provided, that said nonpublic school house, as the
11 same shall be remodeled, rehabilitated or modernized, meets
12 the minimum requirements, except as to yardspace, required
13 generally for new construction under this act.

The bill is to be read the first time in the Assembly on the 15th day of March, 1904, and the second time on the 15th day of April, 1904, and the third time on the 15th day of May, 1904, and the fourth time on the 15th day of June, 1904, and the fifth time on the 15th day of July, 1904, and the sixth time on the 15th day of August, 1904, and the seventh time on the 15th day of September, 1904, and the eighth time on the 15th day of October, 1904, and the ninth time on the 15th day of November, 1904, and the tenth time on the 15th day of December, 1904.

The Constitutionality of the Proposed

Amendment to the Constitution

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1. It is the duty of the Legislature to provide for the education of the people of this State, and to that end to appropriate money from the State Treasury.

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