

By Mr. Cronin of Andover, petition of Paul W. Cronin that cities, towns and regional school districts be permitted to incur indebtedness for the purchasing of land and buildings of private schools and to receive state school construction grants to defray in part the costs thereof. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PERMITTING CITIES, TOWNS AND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE PURCHASING OF LAND AND BUILDINGS OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND TO RECEIVE STATE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS TO DEFRAY IN PART THE COSTS THEREOF.

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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 68 the following section:—
3 *Section 68A.* Cities, towns and regional school districts
4 may borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary
5 for the purchase of buildings and land appurtenant thereto of
6 any private school provided, that said buildings are currently
7 in use as school buildings and have been certified for occu-
8 pancy by the department of public safety and for the remodel-
9 ing and rehabilitation thereof, including any equipment and
10 furnishing therein as necessary therefor and may issue bonds
11 and notes therefor which shall bear on their face the words
12 (name of city, town or regional school district) School Project
13 Loan, Act of 1970. Each authorized issue shall constitute a
14 separate loan and such loans shall be paid in not more than
15 twenty years. Indebtedness incurred hereunder, in the case of
16 a city or town, shall be in excess of the statutory limit and
17 subject to the approval of the emergency finance board; and
18 in the case of a regional school district shall be subject to the
19 provisions of clause (d) of section sixteen of this chapter or
20 clause (n) of said section sixteen, whichever is applicable, but
21 shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter forty-

22 four exclusive of any limitation contained in section seven
23 thereof. The treasurer of a city, town or regional school dis-
24 trict may also make temporary loans under the provision of
25 section seventeen of chapter forty-four of in anticipation of
26 the proceeds of the bonds or notes

27 If the state board of education, upon application of the city,
28 town or regional school district, is of the opinion that the
29 project with respect to the purchase of the buildings and land
30 and the remodeling and rehabilitation is in the best interests
31 of the city, town or regional school district, the said board
32 may approve a school construction grant in accordance with
33 the provisions of section nine of chapter six hundred and forty-
34 five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight, as
35 amended.

1 SECTION 2. The school building assistance commission is
2 hereby authorized to employ such assistant or assistants, sub-
3 ject to appropriation, as it may deem necessary to carry out
4 the provisions of section one.