

By Mr. Weeks, a petition of William D. Weeks, David C. Ahearn and another, for legislation relative to reimbursement to joint special education programs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT TO JOINT SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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 46J of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following two paragraphs: —

3 Seventy-five per cent of the cost of the expenses for the in-
4 struction, training and support of the children in special classes
5 or special instruction periods under this section actually ren-
6 dered or furnished including their necessary traveling ex-
7 penses, whether daily or otherwise, but not exceeding ordinary
8 and reasonable compensation therefore shall be reimbursed to
9 the towns or any regional school district by the commonwealth
10 upon approval of the department and certification by it that
11 such classes of special instruction periods meet their standard
12 and requirements prescribed by it.

13 If a city or town or regional school district does not show
14 progress within a reasonable time in providing the special
15 instruction authorized under this section, the commissioner
16 of education shall not certify the amount of state aid, as re-
17 quired by section nine of chapter seventy, for such city or
18 town or regional school district, and may notify the commis-
19 sioner of corporations and taxation and the comptroller to
20 hold such funds as have been so certified under said section
21 nine but have not been disbursed. Whenever the department
22 determines that a city or town or regional school district has
23 provided the special instruction authorized under this section,
24 the commissioner of education may notify the commissioner

25 of corporations and taxation and the comptroller to pay any
 26 such withheld funds to such city or town or regional school
 27 district.