

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas C. Wojtkowski and another for legislation to regulate further the attendance of certain children in public schools located outside of cities or towns in which said children reside and the payment of cost of such attendance. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ATTENDANCE OF CERTAIN CHILDREN IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CITIES OR TOWNS OTHER THAN THE CITIES OR TOWNS IN WHICH THEY RESIDE, AND THE PAYMENT OF THE COST OF SUCH ATTENDANCE.

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 12A of chapter 76 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 622 of the acts of
3 1968, is hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following seven paragraphs: —

5 From time to time, the state board of education shall certify
6 to the state comptroller, and the state treasurer shall, within
7 thirty days after each such certification, pay to the several
8 towns, from any amounts appropriated therefor, the amounts
9 due them in accordance with the following five paragraphs: —

10 The minimum annual financial assistance which each town
11 whose plan has been approved shall be paid, shall be computed
12 by multiplying (a) the number of children assisted by such
13 plan by (b) the marginal cost of providing education in such
14 town.

15 In addition to the amount certified under the previous para-
16 graph, the state board of education may also certify any
17 amount which it may determine to be required by extraordi-
18 nary conditions in a town or extraordinary requirements of a
19 plan. The amount to be certified under this paragraph however
20 shall not exceed thirty per cent of the amount to be paid to

21 such town under the previous paragraph. The total amount
22 paid to all towns collectively under this paragraph shall not
23 exceed ten per cent of the amount of assistance to all towns
24 collectively under the previous paragraph in the then current
25 fiscal year.

26 The number of children assisted by a plan means the number
27 of children provided for in such plan, or such lesser number as
28 the state board of education may certify on the basis of actual
29 enrollment. The marginal cost of providing education in a town
30 shall be computed as follows: (a) there shall be added together
31 the total additional expenditure incurred and to be incurred by
32 such town for the year in question by reason for the adoption
33 and carrying out of such plan, including the cost of additional
34 educational supplies, materials and equipment, administration
35 and other overhead costs, compensation of additional teachers
36 and others who may be required under such a plan, trans-
37 portation, special training and other specific items required
38 under such plan and all other sums reasonably related to such
39 plan, but not including the cost of any permanent school
40 building construction; (b) such total shall then be divided by
41 the number of children assisted by such plan.

42 A town may in accordance with such plan and subject to the
43 approval of the state board of education, contract with any
44 individual or organization for the furnishing of any supplies,
45 materials, equipment, transportation or services required by
46 such plan, and may pay the cost thereof from the amount paid
47 to it hereunder. The state board of education may by regu-
48 lation further define marginal cost and further determine how
49 it shall be calculated, and further regulate the terms of such
50 contracts and the effectuation of such plans.

51 The state board of education shall not certify any amounts
52 required to pay to all towns collectively for a number of
53 children provided for in all such plans collectively in excess of
54 the number of children provided for in all such plans for the
55 previous year, plus forty percent of such number in the fiscal
56 year commencing July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-two,
57 thirty percent of such number in the fiscal year commencing
58 July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, twenty-five per-

59 cent of such number in the fiscal year commencing July first,
60 nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and twenty percent of such
61 number in the fiscal year commencing July first, nineteen
62 hundred and seventy-five, and in each such year thereafter.

63 The state board of education may provide, from funds
64 appropriated for the purpose, financial assistance to any town
65 whose plan it approves, in addition to any amounts paid by the
66 state treasurer. The state board of education shall provide
67 technical and other assistance to any town in the formulation
68 and execution of any such plan.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen
2 hundred and seventy-one.

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The second part of the report deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. It is divided into several sections, each dealing with a different aspect of the work. The first section deals with the general conditions of the country and the progress of the work during the year. The second section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The third section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The fourth section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The fifth section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The sixth section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The seventh section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The eighth section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The ninth section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions. The tenth section deals with the detailed results of the various expeditions.