

HOUSE No. 5676

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 27, 1971.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3576) of Mary E. Fantasia, Ann C. Gannett and David M. Bartley for legislation to prohibit discrimination in the public schools, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5676) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL J. DALY.

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 76 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended, is further amended by striking out section 5
3 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 Every child shall have a right to attend the public schools of
5 the town where he actually resides, subject to the following
6 section. No child shall be excluded from or discriminated
7 against in admission to any public school of any city or town,
8 nor in obtaining the advantages, privileges and courses of study
9 of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion or
10 national origin. This section is not intended to limit or prevent
11 the school committee from using any criteria other than race,
12 color, sex, religion or national origin in the formulation of
13 regulations as to numbers and qualifications of pupils to be
14 admitted to the respective schools and as to other school
15 matters as the school committee shall from time-to-time pre-
16 scribe.

1 SECTION 2. Section 16 of Chapter 76 of the General Laws
2 as most recently amended, is hereby further amended by insert-
3 ing after the word “schools” in line 2 the words “or from the
4 advantages, privileges and courses of study of such public
5 school”.