

Duties and
functions of
bureau.

(a) Said bureau shall collect, by investigation of its own and by receipt from other law-enforcement agencies, information concerning organized crime, organized illegal gambling, and other illegal activities generally described as rackets, including information as to the identity and doings of persons who engage in, promote, operate or participate in such activities.

(b) Said bureau shall maintain files of all such information which it collects and receives, and shall serve as a clearing house of intelligence for all law enforcement agencies within the commonwealth concerning such activities and such persons, and may provide to and receive from similar agencies outside the commonwealth any such information. Any police department of the commonwealth, or any of its political subdivisions, may, by request, in the form and manner prescribed by said bureau, receive such information as is in the files of said bureau concerning such activities and such persons in which said police department has an official interest. The clearing-house functions of this bureau shall constitute a co-operative relationship between said bureau and said police departments; and if in the discretion of the head of said bureau, responding to such request for information might interfere with an investigation being carried on by some other department or by said bureau, he may, with the approval of the commissioner, deny the request.

(c) Said bureau shall from time to time advise the local police departments of new schemes or rackets which may come to its attention, and of new devices, techniques, methods of operation, and other matters of interest relating to such activities and such persons, so that the police of the commonwealth and its political subdivisions shall be better informed and thus better able to enforce the laws with respect to such activities and such persons.

Approved September 12, 1955.

Chap. 772 AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPECIAL CLASSES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 46A, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 296 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 46A.* The school committee of every town shall annually ascertain, under regulations prescribed by the department, after consultation with the commissioners of public health and public welfare, the number of children of school age resident therein who are physically handicapped. In any town where there is a child of school age resident therein, including a child classified under section forty-six, so physically handicapped as to make attendance at a public school not feasible, and who is not otherwise provided for, the school committee shall employ a teacher or teachers, on full or part-time, who

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§ 46A, etc.,
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shall, with the approval in each case of the departments of education and public health, offer instruction to each such child in his home or at such place and under such conditions as the committee may arrange.

In every town where there are five or more physically handicapped children unable to attend regular classes, but who are able to attend special classes for physically handicapped children, such children may be given such special class training upon approval by the department of education.

In any town where there is a child of school age resident therein physically able to attend school, but who is physically handicapped to such an extent as to prevent normal educational growth and development, such child may be given that type of training recommended by the state department of education.

If a town furnishing instruction under this section to a child confined in a hospital, sanatorium or similar institution located therein is not the legal residence of the parent or guardian of such child, the town where the parent or guardian has a legal residence shall pay tuition to the town furnishing such instruction. On or before the fifteenth day of July in each year the town furnishing such instruction shall submit to the department an itemized statement of the following items of actual cost of instruction to children confined in hospitals, sanatoria and similar institutions located therein for the preceding school year: teachers, textbooks, supplies and general control. The department shall determine the reasonableness of such cost, and shall, on or before the first day of September following, either notify said town that the cost is approved or shall send to the town its own determination of reasonable cost. Such cost as approved or determined shall be divided by the pupil days of instruction given, and the result shall constitute the daily tuition for each pupil to be paid by the town where the parent or guardian has a legal residence to the town furnishing such instruction.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 71 is hereby amended by striking out section 46B, inserted by section 1 of chapter 296 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 46B.* If a child of school age, handicapped as described in sections forty-six and forty-six A, or afflicted with cerebral palsy, attends a school approved by the department within or without the city or town of residence of his parent or guardian, the school committee of the town where the child resides may provide transportation once each day to and from such school while the child is in attendance. The city or town providing transportation under this section shall be eligible for reimbursement for one half the cost of transportation upon determination by the department of amounts due in accordance with attested claims by the school committee on forms provided by the department, and said reimbursements shall be paid out of the proceeds of the tax on income. *Approved September 13, 1955.*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 71, § 46B, etc., amended.

Reimbursement of cities and towns for certain transportation costs authorized.