

By Mr. Saggese of Winthrop, petition of Alfred E. Saggese, Jr., that provision be made for health related fitness tests in the public schools of the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR HEALTH RELATED FITNESS TESTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. The third paragraph of section 50 of chapter 15 of
2 the General Laws, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 188 of the
3 acts of 1985, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — To iden-
5 tify students with basic skills deficiencies and to determine which
6 students need remediation, the board shall annually test all stu-
7 dents at grade three, at a later elementary grade, and at a second
8 grade to be determined by the board, for mastery of basic skills in
9 reading, writing, mathematics, in addition health related fitness
10 testing shall be administered by each local district at an early
11 elementary, late elementary and early secondary level and such
12 other areas as the board determines.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 50 of said chapter 12, as so appear-
2 ing, is hereby further amended by striking out the sixth paragraph
3 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 The results of the curriculum testing and basic skills testing and
5 health related fitness tests required by this section shall be a part of
6 the basis for the annual assessment by the board of each school and
7 school district, as provided for in section forty-nine. Guidelines for
8 health related fitness testing shall be established by the board, with
9 assistance from the department of public health and physical edu-
10 cation educators.

