

HOUSE No. 6377

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1987.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 6294) of Susan C. Tucker, Patricia McGovern and Kevin P. Blanchette relative to authorizing an agreement between the city of Lawrence and the town of Andover for the establishment, operation and maintenance of a collaborative school, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6377) ought to pass.

For the committee,

SUSAN C. TUCKER.

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE AND THE TOWN OF ANDOVER FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL.

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 school committees of the city of Lawrence
2 and the town of Andover are hereby authorized to enter into an
3 agreement for the establishment, operation and maintenance of
4 a collaborative school. Such agreement may contain provisions
5 concerning (i) the powers, duties and composition of a
6 collaborative school committee, (ii) the election or appointment
7 of officers by such committee, including a treasurer who may but
8 need not be the treasurer of a member municipality of the
9 collaborative, (iii) the nature of the educational programs to be
10 offered by the collaborative school, including special classes and
11 programs to be paid for on a tuition basis, (iv) the formulation
12 and approval of capital and operating budgets for the
13 collaborative school and the apportionment and payment of the
14 capital and operating costs included therein, (v) the incurring of
15 debt on behalf of the collaborative school to finance capital costs,
16 (vi) the assignment of personnel to the collaborative school, and
17 (vii) the amendment from time to time of the agreement, including
18 amendments for the purpose of admitting new member
19 municipalities to the collaborative. Such agreement may also
20 contain such other provisions as may be necessary or appropriate
21 from time to time for the operation of the collaborative school.

1 SECTION 2. The agreement authorized in section one shall
2 not take effect until approved by the commissioner of education
3 and by majority vote at a town meeting in Andover and by
4 majority vote of the city council in Lawrence.

1 SECTION 3. Student enrollment at the collaborative school
2 shall be voluntary. Under no circumstances at any time shall the
3 school committee of the collaborative school, the Common-
4 wealth, or any city or town which is a member of the collaborative
5 school assign students to the collaborative school without the
6 express consent of a student's parent or guardian.

1 SECTION 4. The land and the buildings and improvements
2 thereon comprising the collaborative school shall be owned by the
3 city of Lawrence and the town of Andover and, upon the
4 admission of new members to the collaborative, by such new
5 members, as joint tenants.

1 SECTION 5. State aid under Chapter seventy and Chapter
2 seventy-one, section sixteen D of the General Laws shall be paid
3 directly to the treasurer of the collaborative school and calculated
4 in same manner as if the school were a regional school district.
5 The school aid percentage for the collaborative school shall be
6 equal to the school aid percentage for Lawrence as determined
7 in accordance with Chapter seventy.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

