

By Mr. Keating, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 246) of William R. Keating and Wilfrid J. Savoie for legislation to provide that capital equipment for vocational courses be included in the school building assistance program. Education.

## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FOR VOCATIONAL COURSES BE INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

*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 1 of chapter 646 of the acts of 1948 is  
 2 hereby deleted and replaced with a new section one, as follows: —  
 3 *Section 1.* To promote the planning and construction of school  
 4 buildings and the establishment of consolidated and regional  
 5 schools in order to insure safe and adequate plant facilities for the  
 6 public schools, to provide for the modernization and replacement  
 7 of capital equipment in vocational schools, and to assist towns and  
 8 counties meeting the cost thereof, there is hereby established in the  
 9 department of education but not subject to its control, a temporary  
 10 commission, to be known as the school building assistance  
 11 commission.

1 SECTION 2. Section four of Chapter 645 of 1948 is hereby  
 2 amended by deleting the period at the end of the first sentence and  
 3 adding the following phrase: — and the modernization and  
 4 replacement of capital equipment for vocational schools.

1 SECTION 3. Section five of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as  
 2 most recently amended by Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1982 is  
 3 hereby amended by adding after the sixth definition the following  
 4 definition: —

5 “Capital equipment for vocational schools” shall mean machines  
6 and equipment utilized in courses in vocational education approved  
7 under Chapter seventy-four of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. Section seven of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948,  
2 as most recently amended by Chapter six hundred and thirteen of  
3 the Acts of 1982 is hereby further amended by adding a new section  
4 7B as follows: —

5 *Section 7B.* Any city, town or regional school district which  
6 provides vocational education under Chapter seventy-four shall  
7 be eligible to apply to the Board of Education for reimbursement  
8 for the cost of capital equipment needed to replace worn and  
9 obsolete equipment or provide additional equipment necessary to  
10 extend the vocational curriculum to include new technological  
11 advances.

1 SECTION 5. Section 8B of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948, as  
2 most recently amended by Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1982 is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following new sentence: — The board of educa-  
5 tion shall approve school projects and reimbursements under this  
6 chapter in accordance with the following order of priorities: 1.  
7 priority shall be given to school projects needed in the judgment of  
8 said board to replace or renovate a building which is structurally  
9 unsound or otherwise in a condition seriously jeopardizing the  
10 safety of school children, where no alternative exists; 2. priority  
11 shall be given to school projects needed in the judgment of said  
12 board to prevent severe overcrowding expected to result from  
13 increased enrollments or to eliminate existing severe overcrowd-  
14 ing; 3. priority shall be given to school projects needed in the  
15 judgment of said board to prevent loss of accreditation; 4. priority  
16 shall be given to any school project needed in the judgment of said  
17 board for the replacement, renovation or modernization of the  
18 heating system in any schoolhouse to increase energy conservation  
19 and decrease energy related costs in said schoolhouse; 5. priority  
20 shall be given to school projects needed in the judgment of said  
21 board to replace or add to obsolete buildings in order to provide for  
22 a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local

23 requirements; and 6. priority shall be given to school projects  
24 needed in the judgment of said board to modernize and replace  
25 capital equipment in vocational courses.

1 SECTION 6. Section nine of Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948,  
2 as most recently amended by Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1982 is  
3 further amended by adding in the first paragraph a new clause  
4 as follows:

5 The capital equipment grant for any city, town or regional  
6 school district shall be restricted to items over three hundred  
7 dollars in value.

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