

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3962

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 9, 1966.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill providing for the assistance of children with certain learning impairments (House, No. 158, changed), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 3962).

{ \$150,000.00 }

For the committee,

WILLIAM Q. MACLEAN, JR.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF CHILDREN WITH CERTAIN LEARNING IMPAIRMENTS.

*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 71 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 46J the following two sec-  
3 tions:—

4 *Section 46K.* The school committee of every town, or re-  
5 gional school district shall diagnose and provide instructions for,  
6 under regulations prescribed jointly by the department of edu-  
7 cation, the department of public health and the department of  
8 mental health the number of school children of school age resi-  
9 dent therein who have specific learning disabilities resulting  
10 from perceptual-motor handicaps, including problems in visual  
11 perception and integration, and the reading disability known as  
12 congenital dyslexia.

13 In any town or regional school district where there is a child  
14 who has any of the learning disabilities provided for in this sec-  
15 tion, the school committee may provide special instruction  
16 periods in a place under the control of the school committee for  
17 the purpose of furnishing such child the type of instruction he  
18 requires.

19 In any town or regional school district where there are seven  
20 or more children who have any of the learning disabilities pro-  
21 vided for in this section, the school committee may establish a  
22 special class for the purpose of furnishing such children the type  
23 of remedial instruction required by them. For such purposes a  
24 teacher may be employed with special qualifications for such  
25 position who may be deemed to be hired as a consultant and any  
26 probationary period may be waived for the purpose of obtain-  
27 ing certification.

28 *Section 46L.* The department, under regulations prescribed  
29 jointly by the departments of education, public health, and  
30 mental health, and upon the request of the parents or guardians  
31 and with the approval of the governor, may send such children  
32 with specific learning disabilities enumerated in said section  
33 forty-six K as it considers proper subjects for such special train-  
34 ing and instruction to any school within the commonwealth  
35 affording remedial treatment for such children. The depart-  
36 ment may continue the special education of such children for  
37 such terms as may be recommended by the principal or other  
38 chief administrative officer of such school.

1 SECTION 2. Section 29B of chapter 69 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by deleting the words "or forty-six H" and  
3 substituting in place thereof the following: — forty-six H, forty-  
4 six K, and forty-six L.

22 Boston MA. The department under contract provided  
 23 jointly by the departments of education public health and  
 24 mental health, and upon the request of the parents or guardian  
 25 and with the approval of the court, may conduct such clinical  
 26 and diagnostic testing, including, but not limited to, such as  
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