

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 91

Accompanying the fourteenth recommendation of the Board of Education (House, No. 77). Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO PRESCRIBE SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED CHILDREN, AND TO ASSIST CITIES AND TOWNS AND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN ESTABLISHING SAID PROGRAMS.

*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. To encourage special programs to identify chil-  
2 dren in the elementary and secondary schools who are aca-  
3 demically talented and to educate these children to the maxi-  
4 mum of their capacity, the department of education, herein-  
5 after referred to as the department, with the assistance and ap-  
6 proval of the advisory commission on academically talented  
7 pupils, is directed to establish procedures to identify and select  
8 children who are academically talented and to prescribe special  
9 programs for academically talented children.

10 Subject to appropriation, the department is authorized to re-  
11 imburse, on a matching basis, cities and towns and regional  
12 school districts for the cost of such special programs as it shall  
13 approve.

1 SECTION 2. The school committee of any city, town or re-  
2 gional school district seeking to obtain state aid for the purposes  
3 specified in section one shall submit plans therefor in accordance  
4 with regulations to be established by the department, which  
5 plans shall include personnel to be employed, supervisory pro-  
6 cedures, evaluation process and total estimated costs.

1 SECTION 3. The commonwealth, and each city, town and re-  
2 gional school district participating in the programs described in  
3 section one is hereby authorized to accept and disburse federal  
4 funds, grants or gifts from charitable foundations, private indi-  
5 viduals, and corporations available, for carrying out the pur-  
6 poses of this act.

1 SECTION 4. The department, acting singly, or in concert with  
2 participating cities, towns or regional school districts, may con-  
3 tract with public or private colleges, universities and other agen-  
4 cies for the purpose of engaging in research or experimentation  
5 consistent with the purposes of this act and may expend monies  
6 appropriated by the general court or otherwise obtained under  
7 the terms of this act to these ends.

1 SECTION 5. The advisory commission on academically tal-  
2 ented pupils shall make a comprehensive study of the experi-  
3 ences of the various programs financed under this act.

4 For the purpose of such study said commission shall be pro-  
5 vided with quarters by the department, may travel within and  
6 without the commonwealth, may hold hearings, and may ex-  
7 pend for expert, clerical and other services and assistance such  
8 sums as may be allocated to them for this purpose by the de-  
9 partment.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall become inoperative on June thir-  
2 tieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.