

By Mr. Pitaro of Boston, petition of Mimie B. Pitaro and Ronald A. Pina that the Department of Education be authorized to establish ethnic heritage study centers. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH ETHNIC HERITAGE STUDIES CENTERS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding after section 34 the following four sections: —

3 *Section 35.* The commissioner is authorized to provide for  
4 the establishment and operation of ethnic heritage studies  
5 centers through grants to public and private nonprofit educa-  
6 tional agencies and organizations. Each such center shall have  
7 courses of study and programs related to all ethnic groups  
8 represented in the regional area to be served by such center.

9 Each such center shall have a director selected by the com-  
10 missioner with the approval of the public or private nonprofit  
11 educational agency or organizaion which is to operate that  
12 center.

13 *Section 36. (a)* Each center provided for under this section  
14 shall: —

15 (1) develop curriculum materials for use in elementary and  
16 secondary schools and institutions of higher education which  
17 deal with the history, geography, society, economy, literature,  
18 art, music, drama, language, and general culture of groups with  
19 which the center is concerned and the contributions of those  
20 ethnic groups to the American heritage,

21 (2) disseminate curriculum materials to permit their use in  
22 elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher  
23 education throughout the commonwealth,

24 (3) provide training for persons utilizing or preparing to  
25 utilize the curriculum materials developed under this section,

26 (4) work with persons and organizations in the communities  
27 being served by such center in promoting, encouraging, de-  
28 veloping, or producing programs, activities or events in such  
29 communities relating to the history, culture, or traditions of  
30 ethnic groups, and

31 (5) coordinate with other Ethnic Heritage Studies Centers  
32 assisted for under this section by exchanging curriculum  
33 materials, program ideas, or any other information which  
34 would contribute to the expansion of knowledge and under-  
35 standing in each regional area of the ethnic group of this  
36 commonwealth.

37 (b) No grant shall be made unless the public or private  
38 nonprofit educational agency or organization agrees to establish  
39 an advisory committee for the center to be operated under that  
40 grant.

41 *Section 37. (a)* The commissioner shall to the maximum  
42 extent feasible make arrangement which will utilize (1) the  
43 research facilities and personnel of institutions of higher edu-  
44 cation, (2) the special knowledge of ethnic groups in local  
45 communities and of foreign students pursuing their education  
46 in this country, (3) the expertise of teachers in elementary and  
47 secondary schools and institutions of higher education, and  
48 (4) the talents and experience of any other groups in the  
49 regional area to be served by centers assisted under this section  
50 such as foundations, civic groups, and fraternal organizations  
51 which would further the goals of the centers.

52 (b) Fund appropriated may be used to cover all or part of  
53 the cost of establishing, equipping, and operating the centers,  
54 including the cost of research materials and resources, academic  
55 consultants, and the cost of training of staff for the purpose of  
56 carrying out the purposes of sections thirty-five, thirty-six and  
57 thirty-seven. Such funds may also be used to provide stipends  
58 in such amounts as may be determined in accordance with  
59 regulations of the commissioner to individuals receiving training  
60 in such centers, including allowances for dependents.

61 *Section 38. (a)* The commissioners shall appoint a State  
62 Advisory Committee on Ethnic Heritage Studies consisting of  
63 the commissioner who shall be chairman and twelve other  
64 members appointed without regard to the provisions of chapter  
65 thirty-one governing appointments in the competitive service  
66 and solely on the basis of their fitness to perform the duties of  
67 the committee.

68 *(b)* The committee shall (1) advise the commissioner with  
69 respect to policy matters.

70 *(c)* The committee shall make an annual report of its  
71 findings and recommendations to the governor not later than  
72 March thirty-first of each calendar year. The governor shall  
73 transmit each such report to the general court together with his  
74 comments and recommendations.

75 *(d)* Members of the committee who are not regular full time  
76 employees of the commonwealth shall, while serving on  
77 business of the committee, be entitled to receive compensation  
78 at rates fixed by the governor, but not exceeding one hundred  
79 and twenty-five dollars per day, including travel time; and  
80 while so serving away from their homes or regular places of  
81 business, they may be allowed their actual and reasonable  
82 travel expenses.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who were members of the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, which was adopted by the convention on the 17th of September, 1897. The names are given in the order in which they were called upon to speak at the convention. The names of the persons who were members of the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, which was adopted by the convention on the 17th of September, 1897, are given in the order in which they were called upon to speak at the convention. The names of the persons who were members of the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, which was adopted by the convention on the 17th of September, 1897, are given in the order in which they were called upon to speak at the convention.