

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5159**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 22, 1972.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill providing for limited expenditure of funds by school committees for the employment of counsel for general purposes without town approval (House, No. 86, changed), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5159).

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. LaFONTAINE

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR LIMITED EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS BY SCHOOL COMMITTEES FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

*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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 37F, inserted by chapter 362 of the acts of 1970, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: –

4 *Section 37F.* The school committee of a city or town may  
5 employ legal counsel for the general purposes of the committee,  
6 and may expend money therefor from the funds appropriated by  
7 said city or town for school purposes, provided, however, not  
8 more than five thousand dollars in addition to the expenditures  
9 authorized by section thirty-seven E shall be expended during  
10 any fiscal year without prior approval of the city manager in a  
11 city having Plan D or Plan E form of government, the mayor in  
12 any other city or the board of selectmen in a town. Said legal  
13 counsel shall not be subject to the provisions of section nine A of  
14 chapter thirty or the provisions of chapter thirty-one.