

HOUSE No. 5164

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 24, 1972.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation relative to compensation payable to certain employees of cities, towns and school districts (House, No. 5076) and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5081) of David M. Bartley, Michael J. Daly and Thomas W. McGee that cities and towns be authorized to grant retroactive salary increases, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5164) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JOHN R. BUCKLEY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

1 *Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to extend forthwith certain rights
3 and privileges to cities, towns, school districts, other districts,
4 and municipal employees, therefore, it is hereby declared to be
5 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of
6 the public convenience.

*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. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
2 contrary, the treasurer of each city, town, district and regional
3 school district is hereby authorized and directed to pay forthwith
4 to employees thereof all amounts of salaries, wages, or other
5 compensation for services rendered during the period beginning
6 August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy- one and ending
7 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one, which
8 amounts were not paid as a result of the provisions of Public Law
9 91-379 and subsequent executive orders issued pursuant thereto
10 and which are now or shall be payable as a result of subsequent
11 amendments to said Public Law 91-379 and executive orders
12 issued pursuant to said amendments.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
2 contrary, payments made pursuant to section one of this act shall
3 be made from the surplus account of the city, town, district or
4 regional school district and said payments shall be shown on a
5 special payroll.

6 If the balance in the surplus account of the city, town or
7 district, other than a regional school district, at the close of the
8 1971 financial year is not sufficient for the purposes of this
9 section any additional amount required therefor shall be paid by
10 the treasurer of the city, town, or district, other than a regional
11 school district, and such additional amount shall be reported by
12 the auditor or accountant or other officer having similar duties,
13 or by the treasurer if there be no such officer, to the assessors
14 who shall include the amount so reported in the aggregate
15 appropriations assessed in the determination of the next annual
16 tax rate.

17 If the balance in the surplus account of a regional school
18 district at the close of the 1971 financial year is not sufficient for
19 the purposes of this section any additional amount therefor shall
20 be paid from any funds appropriated in the school district budget
21 for the current year.

