

HOUSE No. 741

By Mr. Kiernan of Lowell, petition of Cornelius F. Kiernan that certain changes be made in the physical education law in respect to transportation of school athletic teams. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION LAW.

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
2 by striking out section 47, as amended by chapter
3 658 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following: —

5 *Section 47.* The committee may supervise and
6 control all athletic and other organizations composed
7 of public school pupils and bearing the school name or
8 organized in connection therewith. It may directly
9 or through an authorized representative determine
10 under what conditions the same may compete with
11 similar organizations in other schools. Expenditures
12 by the committee for the organization and conduct of
13 physical training and exercises, athletics, sports,
14 games and play, for providing proper apparatus,
15 equipment, supplies, athletic wearing apparel and
16 facilities for the same in the buildings, yards and

17 playgrounds under the control of the committee, or
18 upon any other land which it may have the right or
19 privilege to use for this purpose, and for the employ-
20 ment of experienced athletic directors to supervise
21 said physical training and exercises, athletics, sports,
22 games and play, shall be deemed to be for a school
23 purpose. Cities and towns may appropriate for the
24 employment of coaches to supervise in schools physical
25 training and exercises, athletics, sports, games and
26 play, and for the transportation of school athletic
27 teams bearing the school name and coaches to and
28 from the grounds where the athletic contests are
29 held. All receipts from whatever source received in
30 connection with the conduct of activities provided
31 for under this section shall be deposited with the
32 authorized representative of the committee designated
33 for each activity. The funds so received shall be
34 deposited by such authorized representative in one
35 or more of such banks approved as depositories of the
36 funds of such city or town. Disbursements from funds
37 so deposited shall be made by check signed by such
38 authorized representative and countersigned by the
39 headmaster of the school concerned. Each payment
40 made shall be substantiated by a voucher therefor,
41 setting forth the purpose or cause of such expenditure.
42 The designated representative shall make a financial
43 report, in accordance with accepted accounting prac-
44 tice, to the committee at such times as the committee
45 may specify. The foregoing method of handling school
46 receipts and activities shall be legal, notwithstanding
47 the provisions of section fifty-three of chapter forty-
48 four of the General Laws, or any other law in conflict
49 herewith.