

HOUSE No. 1771

By Mr. Whitmore of Sunderland, petition of Philip F. Whitmore relative to appropriations by cities and towns for certain purposes in connection with physical education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATIONS BY CITIES AND TOWNS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES IN CONNECTION WITH PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

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 47 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by chapter 658 of the acts of 1950, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the word "within",
4 in line 21, the words: — or without, — so as to read
5 as follows: — *Section 47.* The committee may super-
6 vise and control all athletic and other organizations
7 composed of public school pupils and bearing the
8 school name or organized in connection therewith.
9 It may directly or through an authorized representa-
10 tive determine under what conditions the same may
11 compete with similar organizations in other schools.
12 Expenditures by the committee for the organization
13 and conduct of physical training and exercises, ath-
14 letics, sports, games and play, for providing proper

15 apparatus, equipment, supplies, athletic wearing ap-
16 parel and facilities for the same in the buildings, yards
17 and playgrounds under the control of the committee,
18 or 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 physi-
25 cal 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 held
29 within or without the commonwealth. All receipts
30 by the committee whether from appropriation or
31 otherwise in connection with the conduct of activities
32 provided for under this section shall be deposited with
33 the treasurer of such town and held as a separate ac-
34 count and expended by said school committee without
35 further appropriation notwithstanding the provisions
36 of section fifty-three of chapter forty-four.