

By Mr. Daly of Boston, petition of Michael J. Daly, Paul E. Means, Ann C. Gannett and James A. Kelly, Jr., for legislation to encourage and assist in the utilization of services of Massachusetts cultural institutions in primary and secondary level educational programs in the Commonwealth. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST IN THE UTILIZATION OF SERVICES OF MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVEL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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. The General Court finds that in the past the  
2 primary and secondary schools of the Commonwealth have not  
3 been sufficiently aware of, or made maximal use of, the  
4 resources of the many outstanding cultural organizations in the  
5 Commonwealth, such as museums, historical societies, perfor-  
6 ming and visual arts organizations. Such organizations can  
7 make important contributions to the fullest development of the  
8 creativity present in every child and to unlocking a child's  
9 learning capacity and perception of the world, its meaning, and  
10 its beauties, which should be central concerns of all education.  
11 Such organizations can supplement the schools' curriculum by  
12 offering what cannot be practically or economically done in the  
13 classroom setting. It is the purpose of this act to provide  
14 encouragement and assistance to the primary and secondary  
15 schools of the Commonwealth in making greater use of the  
16 resources of such cultural organizations in order to enrich the  
17 total educational experience of all children of the Com-  
18 monwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding after section 35 the following section:—

3 *Section 36.* The department shall assist collaboratives of  
4 cities, towns, and regional school districts established pursuant  
5 to section four E of chapter forty in utilizing as a part of their  
6 educational programs and services the services of cultural  
7 organizations located in the commonwealth. For such purpose,  
8 the department shall, pursuant to regulations adopted by the  
9 board of education, make monetary grants to such educational  
10 collaboratives to pay for up to one hundred per cent of (i) the  
11 cost to such an educational collaborative for purchase of  
12 services, including program development services, from such a  
13 cultural organization, pursuant to approval by the department;  
14 (ii) the cost of transporting children and educational personnel  
15 in connection with such services; and (iii) the costs incurred by  
16 such educational collaborative in administering such purchase of  
17 services. For purposes of this section, "cultural organizations"  
18 shall mean organizations such as museums, historical societies,  
19 performing and visual arts organizations which are exempt  
20 from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 (c) (3) of  
21 chapter 26 of the United States Code. Said grants shall be  
22 subject to appropriation and shall be in addition to grants made  
23 pursuant to the final paragraph of section four E of chapter  
24 forty.