

HOUSE No. 1334

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, Feb. 16, 1909.

HON. WILLIAM M. OLIN, *Secretary of State, State House, Boston.*

DEAR SIR:— Please find enclosed herewith a copy of that part of the annual report of the Commission on Industrial Education for the year 1908 which contains the recommendations for legislation, as required by section 6 of chapter 18 of the Revised Laws of Massachusetts.

The commission was not aware, until within a few days, of the requirement that this information should be submitted on or before the first Wednesday of January, and has taken the earliest opportunity of complying with the law.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES H. MORSE,
Secretary and Executive Officer.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To the Honorable the Senate and the House of Representatives.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL LEGISLATION.

The Commission on Industrial Education recommends the following amendments in existing industrial school legislation:—

1. AN ACT RELATIVE TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section five of chapter five hundred and five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six is hereby amended by striking out the words "Whenever any city or town or any district, as provided in the preceding section, shall appropriate money for the establishment and equipment and maintenance of independent schools for industrial training," and substituting therefor the words:— Upon certification by the commission on industrial education to the auditor of the commonwealth that a city, town or district, either by moneys raised by local taxation or by moneys donated or contributed, has maintained an independent industrial school, as provided for in chapter five hundred and five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, as supplemented by chapter five hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, — so that the section will read as follows:—

Upon certification by the commission on industrial education to the auditor of the commonwealth that a city, town or district, either by moneys raised by local taxation or by moneys donated or contributed, has maintained an independent industrial school, as provided for in chapter five hundred and five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and six, as supplemented by chapter five hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight, the commonwealth, in order to aid in the maintenance of such schools, shall pay annually from the treasury to such cities, towns or districts a sum proportionate to the amount raised by local taxation and expended for the support of schools for each thousand dollars of valuation, as follows: cities and towns expending more than five dollars for each thousand of valuation for the support of public schools to be reimbursed by the commonwealth to the amount of one half, those raising and expending between four and five dol-

lars per thousand to the amount of one third, and those raising and expending less than four dollars per thousand to the amount of one fifth, of the cost of maintaining industrial schools: *provided*, that no payment to any city or town shall be made except by special appropriation by the legislature.

2. AN ACT RELATIVE TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section three of chapter five hundred and seventy-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by the substitution of the words:—section five,—in place of “section four” in the last line of the section; so that the last sentence of this section as corrected shall read:—

Such schools, if approved by the commission on industrial education as to location, courses and methods of instruction, shall receive reimbursement as provided in section five of said chapter five hundred and five.

STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE REPORT REQUIRED OF THE COMMISSION BY SECTION 6 OF CHAPTER 505 OF THE ACTS OF 1906 REGARDING INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL LEGISLATION NECESSARY FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES, TOWNS OR DISTRICTS EXPENDING MONEY FOR INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 505 OF THE ACTS OF 1906 AND CHAPTER 572 OF THE ACTS OF 1908.

In order to aid in the maintenance of schools now authorized and of other schools which may be authorized previous to the adjournment of the General Court, as provided for by section 5 of chapter 505 of the Acts of 1906, and supplemented by sections 3 and 4 of chapter 572 of the Acts of 1908; also, to provide for the reimbursement to towns of one-half the tuition paid for pupils attending an authorized industrial school in operation in another city, town or district, as provided in section 4 of chapter 572 of the Acts of 1908,—it will be necessary for this commission to ask for appropriations at an early date.

THE COMMISSION ON INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION,

By CHARLES H. MORSE,
Secretary.

