

By Mrs. Cleven of Chelmsford, petition of Carol C. Cleven and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish an exchange program between teachers and legislators. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN TEACHERS AND LEGISLATORS.

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. Whereas the Board of Education has named
2 "citizenship in a democratic society" as a major mission of our
3 public schools, an exchange program between Massachusetts
4 teachers and legislators shall be established to promote this
5 mission.

1 SECTION 2. The first Friday in April shall be designated
2 "Legislator — Educator Exchange Day". One secondary school
3 social studies teacher from each of the 160 House districts and
4 one from each of the 40 Senate districts shall be selected to partic-
5 ipate in a one-day conference on state government. The Senate
6 and House Chambers and other State House facilities shall be
7 available for this conference.

1 SECTION 3. The Representative and Senator from each dis-
2 trict shall be designated "honorary substitute teacher" for the day
3 and shall assume the duties of the participatory educator. In the
4 event that the Representative or Senator is unable to fulfill these
5 duties, the cost of substitute teacher shall be paid from the program
6 funds appropriated for "Legislator — Educator Exchange Day".

1 SECTION 4. The Department of Education shall convene an
2 Exchange Day Council to implement this program. This Council

3 shall determine the method of teacher selection; serve as a resource
4 for Legislators' lesson plans, design the State House conference
5 agenda; and convene any training sessions deemed necessary.

6 The Council shall consist of two legislators; one representative
7 of the school committees; one secondary school student; one gov-
8 ernment professor; one member of the Board of Education and
9 two citizens to be selected by the Commissioner of Education.

1 SECTION 5. Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) shall be appro-
2 priated by the purposes of this act.