

HOUSE No. 1100

By Mr. Stoddart of Natick, petition of Douglas W. Stoddart, John A. Locke, Ronald Mariano and Joseph C. Sullivan for legislation to further regulate physical education requirements in the public schools. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the
3 fifth sentence the following two sentences:— Instruction in phys-
4 ical education shall consist of at least sixty clock hours each acad-
5 emic year for grades one to ten, and instruction in health
6 education shall not be a credit towards or substitute for such phys-
7 ical education requirements; provided, however that no waivers
8 shall be granted; provided, further, that a portion of state aid in an
9 amount to be determined by the commissioner of education shall
10 be withheld from any public school system which fails to provide
11 such minimum instruction; and, provided, further, that such with-
12 holding shall continue until said commissioner certifies compli-
13 ance with such minimum instruction.

