

By Ms. Resor of Acton, petition of Pamela P. Resor and Emanuel G. Serra for legislation to provide reimbursement to certain municipalities under the school choice program. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAM.

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 6 of chapter 133 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following para-
3 graph: —

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any general
5 or special law to the contrary, two or more vocational schools
6 within fifteen miles of each other may, with the agreement of all
7 participating schools, form a school choice group. Such group
8 may then act as one school for admission purposes. Said
9 admission procedures may allow the following: —

10 a. Opening all programs with space available to students
11 outside the area of the group's schools.

12 b. Opening programs to students within the area of the group's
13 schools on a specialized basis; that is, one school offering openings
14 in one or more specialized areas and another school offering
15 openings in different specialized areas.

16 c. The right to exchange students among schools of the choice
17 group without assigning any cost to the member schools when the
18 exchange numbers balance. That is two students from school X
19 could attend Y and two from Y could attend X with no exchange
20 of dollars. The vocational school of residence will assign cost to
21 its member communities in such cases, and any transportation
22 cost involved would be eligible for available transportation aid
23 in the district of residence.

