

Accompanying the sixth recommendation of the Department of Education (House, No. 62). Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PERSONS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

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. Chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out section 8, as most recently amended by chapter
3 730 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 8.* A town where a person resides who is admitted to the
6 school of another town under section seven shall pay a tuition fee
7 to be fixed by the commissioner under the direction of the state
8 board, and in default of payment shall be liable therefor in contract
9 to such other town. If an approved vocational school established
10 by a regional school district accepts a student who resides in a
11 town, other than a member town of said district, which does not
12 maintain such a vocational school, the town in which such student
13 resides shall pay a tuition fee to be fixed by the regional district
14 school committee and approved by the commissioner under the
15 direction of the state board.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 74 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 8 the following section: —

3 *Section 8½.* Any city or town which accepts this section by vote
4 of its school committee shall not be required to pay the tuition of
5 any student under the provisions of section eight if such student has
6 completed the twelfth grade; provided, however, that a tuition and

7 other related fees shall be charged to such a student in an amount
8 equivalent to that charged at a public regional community college
9 and approved by the commissioner under the direction of the state
10 board.

1 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 37A of said chapter
2 74, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 268 of the acts
3 of 1967, is hereby further amended by adding the following sen-
4 tence: —

5 Tuition and other related fees may be charged to students resid-
6 ing in a city, town or regional school district maintaining vocation-
7 al programs beyond the secondary school level; and provided that
8 such fees shall be equivalent to that amount charged at a public
9 regional community college and approved by the commissioner
10 under the direction of the state board.

1 SECTION 4. Section 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 286 of the acts of
3 1976, is hereby further amended by adding: —

4 No school committee shall be required to provide transportation
5 under this section or under section 68 to any pupil who has com-
6 pleted the twelfth grade.

1 SECTION 5. Section 6 of chapter 70 of the General Laws,
2 added by section 70B of chapter 367 of the acts of 1978, is hereby
3 amended by removing the period at the end of the first sentence and
4 inserting thereafter the following: —

5 “and also excluding therefrom reimbursements for tuition fees
6 for non-resident students who have satisfactorily completed the
7 twelfth grade.”

1 SECTION 6. Chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by adding the following section: —

3 *Section 8B.* The commonwealth shall reimburse cities, towns,
4 regional school districts and independent vocational schools which
5 admit students under the provisions of section seven of this chapter
6 who have satisfactorily completed the twelfth grade in any year in
7 which the school aid for said city, town, regional school district or
8 independent vocational school is determined by section six of
9 chapter seventy.

1 SECTION 7. The provisions of sections one through six of this
2 act shall not apply with respect to students who prior to the
3 effective date of this act were enrolled in, and have not completed, a
4 vocational education program beyond the secondary school level.

