

By Mr. Dukakis of Brookline, petition of Lawrence D. Shubow, relative to parent and community involvement in public school affairs. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO PROMOTE PARENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS WITH MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND PUPILS.

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 69 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding after section 10A thereof, a new section as
3 follows:—

4 *Section 10B. Parent and Community Involvement in the Af-*
5 *fairs of the Public Schools.*—The department is charged with re-
6 sponsibility for promoting in all public school systems having
7 more than five thousand pupils the organization for each school
8 in the system of a representative community advisory commit-
9 tee. Such committees shall represent the parents, teachers,
10 pupils and the community served by the school and shall ad-
11 vise and consult with the school administration and the school
12 committee on all educational issues including but not limited
13 to use of volunteers and para-professionals in the school, cur-
14 riculum, building plans, innovative educational techniques, use
15 of the school building for general community educational,
16 cultural and recreational purposes, extra-curricular activities,
17 problems of discipline, educational experiences outside of the
18 school building, use of parents and others as role models,
19 budget, personnel, educational planning. The board of educa-
20 tion shall appoint a director to carry out the purposes of this
21 section, and shall provide said director with such facilities
22 and assistance as may be requisite for the discharge of his
23 duties. The director shall have the aid and advice of the ad-
24 visory council on education created by chapter fifteen, section

25 H of the General Laws. The board of education may adopt
26 reasonable rules and regulations to accomplish the objectives
27 of this section, which rules and regulations may be enforced
28 in the manner set forth in chapter fifteen, section one G,
29 paragraph fourteen of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Section 37 of chapter 71, of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following:—

3 It shall adopt and promulgate procedures for promoting
4 parent and community involvement in the affairs of the schools
5 through creating representative advisory committees for each
6 school and school district under its charge. This provision
7 shall apply only in public school systems having more than
8 five thousand students.