

HOUSE No. 1210

By Mr. Tivnan of Worcester, petition of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Teachers that provision be made for sick leave for teachers removed from employment on account of tuberculosis. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SICK LEAVE FOR TEACHERS REMOVED FROM EMPLOYMENT ON ACCOUNT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

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 55B of chapter 71 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following new sentence
3 to said section 55B as inserted by chapter 732 of the
4 acts of 1950:— Notwithstanding any provisions to
5 the contrary, any teacher in the public schools ex-
6 cluded or removed from employment on account of
7 tuberculosis in a communicable form shall be carried
8 on sick leave and be paid sick leave for the entire
9 period of exclusion or removal from school employ-
10 ment, but in no case for more than two years and for
11 such further additional period as he may be entitled
12 under the regulations of the school committee or
13 other school officers, and shall not return to employ-

14 ment in a school until properly certified by the de-
15 partment of public health, or such county or municipal
16 sanatorium, on the basis of X-ray and laboratory
17 examinations, as free from tuberculosis in a com-
18 municable form.