

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 49 the following section:-

Section 49A. At any time after the annual appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year are made by a city or town or by all the member cities and towns of a regional school district, a school committee may order materials, supplies and equipment and may contract for services for the public schools which are chargeable against such appropriations, provided that no payment therefor shall be made prior to the commencement of said ensuing fiscal year.

Approved May 4, 1978

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Chap. 125. AN ACT RELATIVE TO CORPORATION NOTES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 39 of chapter 168 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 432 of the acts of 1955, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Such corporation may make a loan upon a note:- (a) of a corporation incorporated in this commonwealth; or (b) of a manufacturing corporation not incorporated in this commonwealth but qualified to do business under the laws of this commonwealth; or (c) of a corporation or an association as defined in section twenty-four, at least one-half of the real and personal property of which is located within the New England states; provided, that no such loan shall be made or renewed unless within six months preceding the making or renewing of such loan an examination of the affairs, assets and liabilities of the borrowing corporation or association has been made, at the expense of such borrowing corporation or association, by a certified public accountant.

Approved May 5, 1978

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Chap. 126. AN ACT REQUIRING A QUORUM FOR THE CONDUCT OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARINGS BY CITY, TOWN, AND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 38N of chapter 71 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 136 of the acts of 1972, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following two sentences:- Such hearing shall be conducted by a quorum of the school committee. For the purposes of this section a quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of said school committee.

Approved May 5, 1978

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Chap. 127. AN ACT PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF SEX.