

HOUSE No. 51.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 10, 1902.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Washburn of Freetown. Education.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to the Reimbursement by the Commonwealth of
Certain Towns for High School Tuition.

*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. Section three of chapter four hundred and
2 ninety-six of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-eight is hereby amended by adding at the end
4 thereof the following:— Towns the valuation of which
5 is over five hundred thousand and less than one million
6 dollars shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of
7 the Commonwealth one-half of the said sums, under the
8 aforesaid conditions,—so as to read as follows:—

9 *Section 3.* Any town of less than five hundred fami-
10 lies or householders in which a public high school or a

11 school of corresponding grade is not maintained shall
12 pay for the tuition of any child who resides in said town
13 and who attends the high school of another town or city,
14 provided the approval of such attendance by the school
15 committee of the town in which the child resides is first
16 obtained. If any town in which a public high school or
17 school of corresponding grade is not maintained neglects
18 or refuses to pay for tuition as provided in this section,
19 such town shall be liable therefor to the parent or guar-
20 dian of the child furnished with such tuition, if the
21 parent or guardian has paid for the same, and otherwise
22 to the town or city furnishing the same, in an action of
23 contract. No member of the school committee of a town
24 in which a public high school or a school of correspond-
25 ing grade is not maintained shall refuse to approve the
26 attendance of any child residing in such town in the high
27 school of some other town or city if such child has com-
28 pleted the course of instruction provided by the former
29 town, and, in the opinion of the superintendent of
30 schools or the school committee of said former town, is
31 properly qualified to enter such high school. If the
32 school committee of such town refuses to grant such ap-
33 proval such town shall be liable for the tuition of such
34 child, in the same manner and to the same extent as if
35 the parent or guardian of such child had obtained the
36 approval of the school committee. Any town not main-
37 taining a public high school or a school of corresponding
38 grade, but affording high school instruction by sending
39 pupils to other towns, may pay the necessary transporta-
40 tion expenses of such pupils. Any town, the valuation
41 of which does not exceed five hundred thousand dollars,
42 shall be entitled to receive from the treasury of the Com-
43 monwealth all necessary sums which have been actually
44 expended for high school tuition under the provisions of

45 this section, provided such expenditure shall be certified
46 under oath to the state board of education by the school
47 committee of such town within thirty days from the date
48 of such expenditure, and provided such high school shall
49 have been approved by the state board of education.
50 Towns, the valuation of which is over five hundred thou-
51 sand and less than one million dollars, shall be entitled
52 to receive from the treasury of the Commonwealth one-
53 half of the said sums, under the aforesaid conditions.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

