

HOUSE No. 7

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Board of Education (House, No. 4). Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 61, and inserting in place thereof
3 the following section:—

4 Section 61. (a) The school committees of two or more towns
5 and/or regional school districts, with the approval of the commis-
6 sioner, may form a superintendency union. Said school commit-
7 tees shall employ a union superintendent pursuant to the
8 provisions of section 63 of this chapter, and shall employ such
9 other personnel as are deemed necessary pursuant to the provi-
10 sions of section 53A of this chapter.

11 (b) The commissioner may require the school committees of
12 two or more towns and/or regional school districts to form a
13 superintendency union, when in his judgment such action would
14 serve to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of educational
15 programs.

16 (c) A superintendency union shall not be dissolved except by
17 vote of the school committees representing a majority of the par-
18 ticipating towns and districts and with the consent of the commis-
19 sioner.

20 (d) The board of education shall promulgate such regulations as
21 it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Sections sixty-two and sixty-four of said chapter
2 seventy-one are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act, and any regulations promulgated pur-
2 suant thereto, shall apply to all superintendency unions estab-
3 lished prior to the effective date of this act.