



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 12, 1999

MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record in support of H 2527, **AN ACT TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DURING OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME**, and request the City Manager arrange for testimony to be given in favor on April 15th at 1:00 PM in Room B-1 of the State House.

In City Council April 12, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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An Act to Support Children and Families During Out-of-School Time

The Need

In the face of rising academic standards, a potentially significant increase in juvenile delinquency during the after-school hours, and more working parents unable to care for their children in the afternoon, it is clear that the children and working families of this State need help if we are to fulfill our commitments to improve the quality of life for our youth. We now have the opportunity to work together to promote the expansion and enhancement of after-school and out-of-school time programming for Massachusetts' children and families, including urban and suburban residents. The goal of this legislation is to help enhance and expand quality programming in communities throughout the State. Such programming can:

- Promote academic success by linking programming in creative ways to state and local learning standards;
- Prevent juvenile delinquency and improve the health and social well-being of children;
- Provide support to children and working families, including the thousands of families across the state that will lose their welfare benefits over the next two years; and
- Strengthen community involvement in the lives of young people.

The Proposal

Grants to Cities and Towns through Community Councils

The State, through the Department of Education, would provide grants to municipalities to support quality after-school and out-of-school time programming in their communities such that each community would be empowered to decide how to use the funds to meet its specific needs most effectively. Funds will support programming that promotes learning in the areas of literacy, math, the arts, sports, and technology, among others. The bill encourages cities and towns to use these funds to open school buildings and facilities across the state during out-of-school time so that communities could take full advantage of the resources found therein.

The Building Blocks of Success

To be eligible for these funds, communities must establish community councils, comprised of parents, municipal officials, community members, community-based organizations, and youth. The councils would develop a proposal to meet community needs and oversee the distribution of funds (a lead agency with fiduciary responsibility would be designated). The proposals must demonstrate how the programs will support student learning and social development and must also show collaboration among various community members and organizations. With this foundation of support, communities can create quality programming that is both successful and sustainable.

Coordinated State Approach

This legislation would also create the capacity for the Department of Education to coordinate across all appropriate State agencies that support after-school programming. In this way there would be a single point of contact through which communities, organizations, and families can access information about after-school programming in Massachusetts.

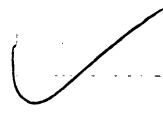
FUNDING REQUEST: \$50 MILLION

e Mayor Menino

H 2527

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Consent Order #53 2795

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ORDER ADOPTED