

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Michael F. Flaherty relative to the education of police officers and fire fighters. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EDUCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS.

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 20 of Chapter 73 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 550 of the Acts of 1972, is hereby amended
3 by striking out in its entirety Section 20 and by inserting in place
4 thereof the following new Section 20: —

5 Section 20. A state university, four-year college or community
6 college shall admit as a candidate for a degree any person who
7 is a member of the police department of fire department of a city
8 or town of the commonwealth within commuting distance of the
9 college, who is recommended by his superior officers and
10 demonstrates sufficient capacity to complete the program that he
11 is enrolled in. A police officer or firefighter who is so admitted
12 shall, while enrolled as a student in good standing at such college,
13 have his tuition paid by the commonwealth.

