
By Mr. Ames, a petition of Oliver F. Ames and William L. Saltonstall for legislation to provide for the establishment of equal opportunity scholarship programs to assist students from poverty areas in obtaining collegiate or vocational education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS TO ASSIST STUDENTS FROM POVERTY AREAS IN OBTAINING COLLEGIATE OR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

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 7F of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by adding the following paragraph: —
- 3 There are hereby established educational scholarships, to be
- 4 administered by the Department of Education, for residents
- 5 of such areas as are designated "poverty areas" by the com-
- 6 missioner of labor and industries. Recipients must be in need
- 7 of financial assistance and must have been accepted at an ap-
- 8 propriate institution. Such institutions shall include any pub-
- 9 lic or private college or university, community college, tech-
- 10 nological institute, vocational high school, nursing school,
- 11 secretarial school or other institution of technical education
- 12 approved by the board of higher education. Said scholarships
- 13 shall be awarded by the Commissioner of Education on the
- 14 recommendation of the local school committee in consultation
- 15 with local neighborhood groups. The amount of the scholar-
- 16 ship shall be based on financial need but in no case shall it
- 17 exceed the total cost of tuition and average living expense as
- 18 determined by the financial aid office of the institution, or in
- 19 the absence thereof by the division of employment security.
- 20 At least one-third of the scholarships shall be given for use at

21 institutions which give a level of technical training below that
22 of a community college. Preference in awarding the remainder
23 of the scholarships shall go to students who work part-time
24 during the school year.