

SENATE No. 304

By Mr. Owens, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 304) of Bill Owens, Barbara Ann Ware, Saundra Graham and other members of the House of Representatives for legislation to broaden educational opportunities for welfare recipients. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT BROADENING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
WELFARE RECIPIENTS.

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 3 of Chapter 118 of the General Laws
2 as most recently amended by section 21 of Chapter 1210 of the
3 Acts of 1973, is hereby further amended by inserting in the
4 second sentence of the second paragraph after the word "em-
5 ployment," the following words: —

6 or an individual who is enrolled in and attending a school,
7 college or university program leading to a certificate, diploma
8 or degree up to but not higher than a bachelor's degree which
9 in the opinion of the department will serve as a means of
10 realizing employment.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 3 of chapter 118 of the general laws
2 is hereby further amended by striking out in the first sen-
3 tence of the third paragraph the words "any vocational" and
4 inserting in place thereof the following words: — an educa-
5 tion or

1 SECTION 3. The department of education is hereby author-
2 ized to issue a certificate of exemption from tuition at any
3 state institution of higher education within the common-
4 wealth to any recipient of assistance under chapter 118 of the
5 general laws, whose educational program has been approved
6 by the department of public welfare as fulfilling the work re-
7 quirements in the second and third paragraphs of section three

8 of said chapter 118. The department of education shall issue
9 such certificate to any such recipient who applies for such
10 exemption, who is deemed qualified to attend such institution.
11 The certificate shall entitle such recipient to attend any such
12 institution free of tuition, but it shall remain in effect only
13 during the academic year for which it is issued. It shall be
14 renewed annually prior to the start of each academic year in
15 accordance with regulations established by said department.
16 Assistance under this section shall continue for the benefit
17 of said recipient only during such time as he remains a stu-
18 dent in good standing at the institution in which he is enrolled,
19 and in no event shall any student receive the benefit provided
20 by this act for more than four years.