
By Ms. Pollard, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1421) of Sharon M. Pollard and Nicholas J. Costello for legislation relative to providing for admission of certain firefighters to state universities and state colleges on a cooperative plan. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE IN PROVIDING FOR ADMISSION OF CERTAIN FIRE-FIGHTERS TO STATE UNIVERSITIES AND STATE COLLEGES ON A CO-OPERATIVE PLAN.

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 is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 20 and adding the following section: —
3 *Section 20.* A state college or state university shall admit
4 as a candidate for a four year degree any person who is a
5 regular member of the police department or fire department
6 of a city or town of the commonwealth within commuting
7 distance of the college, who is recommended by his superior
8 officers and demonstrates sufficient capacity in a competitive
9 admissions examination. A police officer or firefighter who
10 is so admitted shall, while enrolled as a student in good
11 standing at such college or university, have his tuition paid
12 by the commonwealth. While so enrolled, the city or town by
13 whom he is employed shall pay him his full weekly salary
14 during the thirty-two weeks of each college or university
15 year; provided, he is enrolled for sixteen semester hours of
16 collegiate instruction, works twenty-four hours a week on
17 regular duty as a police officer or firefighter, as the case
18 may be, in said city or town and during college vacation
19 period works his regular weekly tour of duty in his depart-
20 ment. Each police officer and firefighter who enrolls at a
21 state college or university under the provisions of this sec-
22 tion shall sign an agreement that he shall remain in full-time
23 employment as a police officer or firefighter, as the case may

24 be, in such city or town after he completes such college or
25 universilty work for as many years as he has been aided by
26 such city or town under this section.