

By Mr. Tobin of Quincy, petition of Arthur H. Tobin relative to the public payment of tuition of certain police officers to privately sponsored colleges. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC PAYMENT OF TUITION OF CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS TO PRIVATELY SPONSORED COLLEGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 20, added by chapter 834 of the acts of
3 1970, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 20.* A state college shall and a privately sponsored
5 college may, admit as a candidate for a four year degree any
6 person who is a regular member of the police department of a
7 city or town of the commonwealth within commuting distance
8 of the college, who is recommended by his superior officers
9 and demonstrates sufficient capacity in a competitive admis-
10 sions examination. Such police officer who is so admitted shall,
11 while enrolled as a student in good standing at such college,
12 have his tuition paid by the commonwealth. While so enrolled,
13 the city or town by whom he is employed shall pay him his
14 full weekly salary during the thirty-two weeks of each college
15 year; provided, he is enrolled for sixteen semester hours of
16 collegiate instruction, works twenty-four hours a week on regu-
17 lar duty as a police officer in said city or town and during
18 college vacation period works his regular weekly tour of duty
19 as a police officer. Each police officer who enrolls at a college
20 under the provisions of this section shall sign an agreement that
21 he shall remain in full time employment as a police officer in
22 such city or town after he completes such college work for as
23 many years as he has been aided by such city or town under
24 this section.

