

HOUSE No. 6110

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 16, 1971.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill providing for admission of certain firefighters to state colleges on a cooperative plan (House, No. 4572), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 6110).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ADMISSION OF CERTAIN FIREFIGHTERS TO STATE COLLEGES ON A COOPERATIVE 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 Chapter 73 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 20, added by chapter 834 of the acts of 1970, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: -

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