

SENATE No. 235

By Mr. Rogers, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 235) of George Rogers and Roger R. Goyette for legislation to establish the Massachusetts National Guard educational assistance program| Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD
EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 137 the following section: —

3 *Section 138.* There shall be established a Massachusetts
4 national guard education assistance program. The program
5 shall be administered by the secretary of education, who shall
6 have the authority to authorize the payment of the full ma-
7 triculation fee and tuition each semester for the common-
8 wealth to any one who attends Southeastern Massachusetts
9 University, the University of Lowell or the University of Mas-
10 sachusetts, or a state college or community college, whether
11 full-time or part-time, as space is available, and who is qual-
12 ified as hereinafter provided. In order to be eligible to re-
13 ceive benefits from the program, the guardsman shall be a
14 member in good standing of the active Massachusetts army
15 or air national guard at the beginning of each semester that
16 benefits are payable under this section and shall remain a
17 member in good standing of the active Massachusetts army or
18 air national guard throughout the entire semester for which
19 benefits are payable under this section.

20 In the event that members in good standing of the active
21 Massachusetts army or air national guard are refused entrance
22 to the program for lack of space, a list of such members and
23 the colleges which refused entrance to them shall be trans-
24 mitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

