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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 246) of Joseph F. Timilty for legislation concerning post-graduate training in the field of osteopathic medicine. Education.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONCERNING POST-GRADUATE TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF  
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE.

*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. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 11 the following five sec-  
3 tions: —

4 *Section 11A.* It is the intent of the commonwealth to ac-  
5 quire, to the greatest extent possible, the admission of quali-  
6 fied Massachusetts residents in the regional college of osteo-  
7 pathic medicine providing programs of instruction in the New  
8 England area leading to the D.O. degree.

9 It is further the intent to provide an inducement to Massa-  
10 chusetts residents, afforded an opportunity to be educated in  
11 this regional college to remain in Massachusetts to practice  
12 their osteopathic medical profession at the conclusion of their  
13 formal education.

14 *Section 11B.* Any Massachusetts resident who is enrolled in  
15 the regional osteopathic medical education program for which  
16 the commonwealth has entered into a contractual arrange-  
17 ment with the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine,  
18 and, under such arrangement, the commonwealth expends  
19 funds in return for a guarantee on the part of the college that  
20 student positions will be made available to Massachusetts  
21 residents, shall be referred to as a "state contract osteopathic  
22 student". Final determination of residency, shall be made un-  
23 der rules promulgated by the commissioner of the department  
24 of education, criteria for such rules shall include, but not be  
25 limited to, length of residence, secondary school attended,

26 legal residence of parent, voting registration and locality  
27 where taxes are paid.

28 *Section 11C.* The state capitation payment shall be the  
29 difference between the tuition rate established by the com-  
30 monwealth for the acquisition of the student position and the  
31 amount the commonwealth actually pays to the regional  
32 osteopathic medical college to secure that position.

33 Any Massachusetts contract student, attending the New  
34 England College of Osteopathic medicine, who demonstrates  
35 financial need, under rules promulgated by the commissioner,  
36 shall be eligible for a tuition grant from funds made available  
37 through the osteopathic student loan fund for that purpose,  
38 the amount of such grant to be based on the financial need of  
39 the student and in no case to exceed the amount of the state  
40 tuition charge to the student.

41 *Section 11D.* Any state contract osteopathic medical student  
42 shall, as a condition precedent to the common element of such  
43 education, enter into an agreement with the commonwealth  
44 under which the student will agree to pay tuition to the com-  
45 monwealth and that upon the conclusion of his osteopathic  
46 medical education, including internship, residency, and obli-  
47 gated military service, he will practice his profession in Massa-  
48 chusetts upon being duly licensed as an osteopathic physician  
49 by the commonwealth.

50 This student shall further agree that in the event he fails  
51 to practice osteopathic medicine within the commonwealth  
52 for a period of four years, he shall become obligated to pay  
53 to the commonwealth an amount of money equal to the  
54 capitation payments expended by the commonwealth in ac-  
55 quiring the student position in the regional college of osteo-  
56 pathic medicine which he occupied as a Massachusetts state  
57 contract student. This amount shall be payable in not more  
58 than twenty annual equal installments at six percent simple  
59 interest, and such payments shall commence after the start  
60 of an out-of-state practice by the state contract student at a  
61 time determined under rules to be promulgated by the com-  
62 missioner, provided that an amount equal to one fourth of  
63 the total indebtedness shall be forgiven for each year which

64 the state contract osteopathic student has practiced his pro-  
65 fession in the commonwealth.

66 *Section 11E.* The commissioner of education shall directly  
67 negotiate with the New England College of Osteopathic Medi-  
68 cine to secure positions for Massachusetts contract students  
69 in osteopathic medical training to extent funds are appro-  
70 priated and authorized.

71 The commissioner is authorized to expend such amount of  
72 money as are necessary to purchase from ten to forty posi-  
73 tions at the New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

74 The commissioner shall prepare contractual agreements  
75 between the commonwealth and each state contract student,  
76 which agreement shall set forth the terms and conditions set  
77 forth in section 11D and each state contract osteopathic stu-  
78 dent within the purview of said section shall be required to  
79 execute such an agreement prior to commencing his osteo-  
80 pathic medical education. This agreement shall be in a form  
81 approved by the attorney general.

82 The commissioner of education is authorized to execute  
83 such agreements on behalf of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated for the purposes of this  
2 act in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, the sum  
3 of one hundred thousand dollars.

