

By Mr. Alexander of Marblehead, petition of Lawrence R. Alexander, Christopher J. Hodgkins, Byron Rushing, Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to establish a South African and Namibian scholarship program at higher educational institutions of the Commonwealth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SOUTH AFRICAN AND NAMIBIAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT MASSACHUSETTS HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS.

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 15A is hereby amended by adding the following
2 section: —

3 Section 7A:

4 (i) A total of up to twenty-five scholarships or fellowships shall
5 be awarded annually to South African and Namibian students for
6 undergraduate and graduate study at state higher education
7 institutions.

8 (ii) An eligible student must be a resident of or refugee from
9 the Republic of South Africa or Namibia, or from a community
10 established within such countries, and must be a member of a class
11 discriminated against or disadvantaged by apartheid policies of
12 the Republic of South Africa or Namibia.

13 (iii) Each scholarship or fellowship shall entitle the recipient to
14 an annual award for up to four academic years of undergraduate
15 study and up to two years of graduate study. The annual award
16 shall be in the amount of up to seven thousand, five hundred
17 dollars, provided in no event shall the amount exceed the
18 combined costs of tuition, fees, books, room and board.

19 (iv) Acceptance of this award shall not prevent its recipient from
20 receiving any other award or financial assistance from whatever
21 source that said student is eligible for.

22 (v) The Chancellor shall develop and adopt guidelines for the
23 selection of recipients of such scholarships and fellowships in
24 consultation with a representative of the Bishop Desmond Tutu
25 South African Refugee Scholarship Fund.

26 (vi) This section shall take effect immediately upon passage, and
27 all scholarships or fellowship awards shall expire on June 30, 1992.