

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts and Michael F. Flaherty relative to the education of police officers and fire fighters. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EDUCATION OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIRE FIGHTERS.**

*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 20 of Chapter 73 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by Chapter 550 of the Acts of 1972, is hereby amended  
3 by striking out in its entirety Section 20 and by inserting in place  
4 thereof the following new Section 20: —

5 Section 20. A state university, four-year college or community  
6 college shall admit as a candidate for a degree any person who  
7 is a member of the police department of fire department of a city  
8 or town of the commonwealth within commuting distance of the  
9 college, who is recommended by his superior officers and  
10 demonstrates sufficient capacity to complete the program that he  
11 is enrolled in. A police officer or firefighter who is so admitted  
12 shall, while enrolled as a student in good standing at such college,  
13 have his tuition paid by the commonwealth.

