

By Mr. Morrissey of Quincy, petition of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to establish the James R. McIntyre tuition aid program for municipal junior college students. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JAMES R. McINTYRE TUITION AID 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 SECTION 1. There shall be a scholarship program adminis-
2 tered by the board of regents of higher education for the purpose
3 of furnishing assistance and aid to students domiciled in the
4 commonwealth and enrolled in and pursuing a program of higher
5 education in any municipal junior college established and
6 operating in compliance with sections seventy-five and seventy-
7 nine of chapter seventy-one of General Laws. Said scholarship
8 program shall be known as the James R. McIntyre Tuition Aid
9 Program. Such program shall consist of the awarding of tuition
10 assistance to worthy and qualified students in need of financial
11 assistance. Said scholarship program shall be subject to
12 appropriation, provided that the maximum amount of assistance
13 provided under said program shall not exceed more than one-half
14 of the tuition costs established for the nineteen hundred and
15 eighty-six to nineteen hundred and eighty-seven academic year for
16 all full-time equivalent students enrolled in and pursuing a
17 program of higher education at said institution. No funds shall
18 be transferred for the purpose of said program prior to the
19 approval by the chancellor of the board of regents of higher
20 education of an enrollment report of said full-time equivalent
21 students who are citizens of the commonwealth and enrolled in
22 a municipal junior college. Said enrollments shall be certified by
23 the school committee of said municipality within thirty days of

24 the completion of each semester. A copy of said enrollment report
25 shall be approved by the chancellor of the board of regents of
26 higher education and filed with the joint committee on education.
27 All funds provided to said junior colleges upon such certification
28 and approval of said chancellor shall be used only for the purpose
29 of reducing tuition costs for said students. Said scholarship
30 awards shall be indexed to the financial need of said students. An
31 annual report of all such funds provided to a municipal junior
32 college shall be made by said institution to the chancellor of the
33 board of regents of higher education to ensure compliance in the
34 expenditure of said funds for the sole purpose of reducing tuition
35 costs for said students of said institution and that said expenditure
36 is being made in accordance with applicable law. Said report shall
37 be filed annually by the first day of March with the joint committee
38 on education and with the clerk of the house of representatives
39 and the clerk of the senate. This section shall expire on June
40 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.

1 SECTION 2. There is hereby created a commission to study
2 the current and future financial condition and tuition rate
3 structure of municipal junior colleges established and operating
4 in compliance with sections seventy-five and seventy-nine of
5 chapter seventy-one of the General Laws and to further study the
6 possibility of providing direct state financial assistance to students
7 enrolled at said colleges. The commission shall, in addition, study
8 the relationship of municipal colleges to other area community
9 colleges and consider recommendations for the future of such
10 municipal junior colleges with respect to their current status as
11 municipal junior colleges. Said commission shall consist of the
12 chancellor of the board of regents of higher education or his
13 designee, who shall serve as the chairman of the commission, and
14 four individuals appointed by the governor, one of whom shall
15 be a community college president. Said commission shall file a
16 report with the governor and with the joint committee on
17 education and the house and senate committees on ways and
18 means not later than July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-six.