

HOUSE No. 2681

By Mr. Cole of Lexington, petition of Lincoln P. Cole, Jr., that the Department of Education be authorized to grant high school equivalency certificates to certain members of the armed forces of the United States. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO GRANT HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY CERTIFICATES TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

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 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 adding after section 7D the following section:—
- 3 *Section 7E.* The department shall grant a high school
- 4 equivalency certificate to any resident of the commonwealth
- 5 who has not received a high school diploma and who has been
- 6 a member of the armed forces for three years and has
- 7 completed grade nine in a school of the commonwealth, or
- 8 who has been a member of the armed forces for two years and
- 9 has completed grade ten in such a school, or who has been a
- 10 member of the armed forces for one year and has completed
- 11 grade eleven in such a school; provided, however, that such a
- 12 resident attains a minimum of thirty-five standard score on
- 13 each of the five General Educational Development tests and
- 14 an average of at least forty-five standard score on all such
- 15 tests.

