

HOUSE No. 6245

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 21, 1972.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill establishing full tuition scholarships for certain persons of American Indian descent attending state institutions of higher learning (House, No. 1879), report that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 6245).

For the committee,

JOHN J. NAVIN

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CERTAIN PERSONS OF AMERICAN INDIAN DESCENT ATTENDING STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING.

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 sixty-nine of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section seven E the following section: —
3 Section 7F. There are hereby established education scholar-
4 ships to be given to Massachusetts residents who have graduated
5 from a high school within the Commonwealth, who are de-
6 scended from American Indians whose tribes have been in-
7 digenous to the Commonwealth and who meet criteria estab-
8 lished by the board of higher education pertaining to financial
9 need. For the purposes of this section “tribes indigenous to the
10 Commonwealth” shall mean Chapequiddick Indians, Chris-
11 tiantown Tribe, Gay Head Tribe, Marshpee Tribe, Herring
12 Pond Tribe, Natick Tribe, Middleborough Indians, Ponkapog
13 Indians, Fall River (or Troy) Indians, Hassanamisco Tribe,
14 Dudley Indians, Yarmouth Tribe, Dartmouth Indians, Mamat-
15 takeeset Indians, Tumpum Tribe and Deep Bottom Indians. To
16 be eligible for said scholarships a person must be descended from
17 a member of the aforementioned tribes as listed in appendix A of
18 senate document number ninety-six of the year eighteen hundred
19 and sixty-one, “Report to the Governor and council concerning
20 the Indians of the Commonwealth,” or a member of some other
21 tribe listed under the category, “Miscellaneous,” in said docu-
22 ment. Said scholarships shall be awarded by the board of higher
23 education to each such person who qualifies for entrance to the
24 Lowell Technological Institute. Southeastern Massachusetts
25 University, the University of Massachusetts, the state colleges, or
26 the regional community colleges. The amount of such scholar-
27 ships shall be equal to the amount of tuition charged by the
28 institution attended. Said scholarships shall be equal to the
29 amount of tuition charged by the institution attended. Said

30 scholarships shall continue for such time as the recipient thereof
31 remains a student in good standing at such institutions, but in no
32 event shall any student receive such scholarship aid for more than
33 four years. The board of higher education shall establish such
34 regulations defining financial need as a criterion for eligibility for
35 these scholarships as it deems necessary, and said scholarships
36 shall be payable by the board of higher education from sums
37 appropriated for scholarship programs.

The following information was obtained from the review of the records of the [redacted] and is being furnished to you for your information. It is noted that the [redacted] has been advised of the contents of this report and has indicated that it is in agreement with the information contained herein.

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