

By Mr. Collins of Amherst, petition of James G. Collins, John W. Olver and another that blind persons be exempt from the payment of tuition and fees at institutions of higher education utilizing public funds. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION OF BLIND PERSONS FROM THE PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING UTILIZING PUBLIC FUNDS.

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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:—

3 *Section 130B.* A blind person who is a resident of Massachusetts
4 is entitled to exemption from the payment of tuition fees at any
5 institution of higher learning utilizing public funds for a maximum
6 period of four academic years if the individual presents:

7 1. Certification by the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind
8 that he is blind and is a client of the Commission;

9 2. Proof that he meets all entrance requirements of the institu-
10 tion of higher learning and has been accepted as a part-time or
11 full-time student at that institution;

12 3. Proof that he is in financial need in accordance with the
13 financial eligibility requirements set forth by the Massachusetts
14 Commission for the Blind.

15 The Commissioner of the Massachusetts Commission for the
16 Blind may promulgate such rules and regulations as he deems
17 necessary to effectuate the program established by this section.

