

HOUSE No. 2542

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1951.

The committee on Education, to whom was recommitted the Bill relative to providing higher educational opportunities for children of Massachusetts men and women who died in the armed forces of the United States or as a result of such service (House, No. 259), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 2542).

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN OF MASSACHUSETTS MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR AS A RESULT OF SUCH SERVICE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide higher
3 education for children of certain war veterans, there-
4 fore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law,
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
6 convenience.

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
2 by striking out section 7B, as most recently amended
3 by chapter 758 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 7B.* The commonwealth, acting through
6 the department, may contribute toward the expenses
7 of the higher education of any child, resident in the
8 commonwealth, between the ages of sixteen and
9 thirty, whose father or mother entered the armed
10 forces of the United States in time of war, or between
11 September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty,
12 and December eighth, nineteen hundred and forty-

13 one; provided, that a child whose parents' war
14 service was not credited to Massachusetts must
15 have been a resident of Massachusetts for at least
16 ten consecutive years immediately preceding his
17 application for the benefits hereunder.

18 Any child who is eligible under this section shall,
19 upon becoming a student in any state or county
20 educational institution or other educational institution
21 approved in writing by the commissioner of education,
22 be entitled to reimbursement by the commonwealth,
23 in an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty
24 dollars in any year, for expenses for tuition, board
25 and room rent, transportation, and books and supplies
26 necessary or incidental to his pursuit of study at such
27 educational institution. Such reimbursement shall be
28 made to such child, or his guardian, if any, on the
29 presentation of vouchers therefor approved by the
30 said commissioner. Such payments shall continue
31 for the benefit of a child only during such time as he
32 remains a student in good standing in the institution
33 in which he is enrolled, and in no event shall any
34 student receive the benefits provided by this section
35 for more than four years.

36 The said commissioner shall determine the eligibility
37 of children for the benefits provided for in this section.

