

By Mr. McIntyre of New Bedford, petition of Joseph B. McIntyre and another that Higher Education Coordinating Council be authorized to establish a paraprofessional incentive program. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PARAPROFESSIONAL INCENTIVE 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 7 of Chapter 15A as most recently amended by Chap-
2 ter 188 of the Acts of 1985 is further amended by adding the
3 following paragraph: —
4 The higher education coordinating council, subject to appropri-
5 ation shall establish a paraprofessional incentive program for the
6 purpose of providing grants to paraprofessionals presently work-
7 ing in a public school in the Commonwealth who are planning to
8 attend a public institution of higher education within the
9 Commonwealth to become a certified teacher. Said council shall
10 establish rules and regulations for the program, including the lev-
11 els of academic, leadership, extracurricular, and other achieve-
12 ment needed to qualify for the grants. Based upon such rules and
13 regulations the council shall award a grant equal to full tuition to
14 paraprofessionals who apply from each school district and who
15 qualify for the paraprofessional incentive program.

