

By Ms. Tucker, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 821) of Susan C. Tucker, Antonio F.D. Cabral, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr., Anne M. Paulsen and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow participation in education or training programs to satisfy the welfare work requirement. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT ALLOWING PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAMS TO SATISFY THE WELFARE WORK REQUIREMENT.

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 1. The first paragraph of subsection (j) of section 110
2 of chapter 5 of the acts of 1995 is hereby amended by striking out
3 the third and fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentences:—

5 Said work requirement may be met by working in a job for which
6 compensation is paid; by working full time in the full employment
7 program established in subsection (l); by regularly attending, as
8 defined by the department, a recognized education or job training
9 program; or by participating in community service pursuant to the
10 following provisions. At the discretion of the commissioner, recipi-
11 ents subject to said work requirement who, without good cause fail
12 to meet said requirements, shall not receive assistance.

1 SECTION 2. The fourth paragraph of subsection (f) of chapter 5
2 of the acts of 1995 is hereby amended by inserting, in the second
3 sentence, following the word “activities,” the following words:—

4 (iii) whether the recipient needs a reasonable amount of time to
5 complete a recognized education or training program.

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