

By Mr. Havern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 770) of Robert A. Havern for legislation to authorize scholarships to students who graduated in the top ten percent of their class. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SCHOLARSHIPS TO CERTAIN STUDENTS.

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

3 Chapter 90. The department shall issue a grant to each graduate  
4 of any high school in the Commonwealth provided said graduate  
5 has been certified by the local superintendent of said graduate's  
6 school district that he or she graduated in the top ten percent of  
7 said graduate class.

8 The amount of each graduate's grant shall be equal to one-half  
9 the annual tuition of the institution each graduate has chosen to  
10 attend notwithstanding the location of said institution. Said grant  
11 shall be paid directly to each student until graduation provided  
12 that said students shall cause his or her institution to annually cer-  
13 tify to the department that said student is both actively pursuing  
14 her or her degree and is in good academic standing as distin-  
15 guished from academic probation, he or she may regain their grant  
16 any following semester provided student is not on academic pro-  
17 bation.

18 Should any qualifying graduate be the recipient of a needs-  
19 based scholarship or grant of equal or greater amount or a special  
20 talent or athletic scholarship or grant of equal or greater amount,  
21 then said person's place in the top ten percent of said person's  
22 graduating class shall be replaced by the graduate next in order in  
23 said graduates class.

