
By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1985) of John A. Hart, Jr., Barbara A. L'Italien, Anthony J. Verga, Rachel Kaprielian and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a military service scholarship program. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MILITARY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP 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 16 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth para-
3 graph the following paragraph:

4 There shall be a Military Service Scholarship Program pursuant
5 to section 16 of chapter 15A of the General Laws to provide full
6 scholarships to the children, siblings or widowed spouses of
7 Massachusetts servicemen and servicewomen, who are killed or
8 die or are severely disabled from injuries received while in the
9 performance of duties including authorized training duty; to chil-
10 dren, siblings or widowed spouses of prisoners of war or military
11 or service persons missing in action in any foreign land, including
12 but not limited to, Iraq and Afghanistan, whose wartime service is
13 credited to the commonwealth and whose service was between
14 September eleven two thousand one, and the termination of both
15 the Iraq and Afghanistan campaign; to the children, siblings and
16 widowed spouses of veterans whose service was credited to the
17 commonwealth and who were killed in action or otherwise died as
18 a result of such service. Such scholarships shall be awarded by the
19 council pursuant to its guidelines established to govern this pro-
20 gram and shall go to those persons referenced above who are
21 admitted to an institution of higher education in the common-

22 wealth to pursue undergraduate studies. The guidelines shall
23 include, but not be limited to, a waiver of mandatory fees, tuition,
24 books, room and board, or other school mandated related
25 expenses.