

By Ms. Story of Amherst, petition of Ellen Story and others for legislation to establish an educational incentive compensation program for county corrections officers and sheriffs' employees. Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EDUCATIONAL INCENTIVE COMPENSATION FOR COUNTY CORRECTIONS OFFICERS AND SHERIFFS' EMPLOYEES.

*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. Chapter 37 of the General Laws shall be  
2 amended to include an educational incentive plan. Said plan shall  
3 take effect on July 1, 1997 and shall be applicable to all  
4 employees of the several sheriffs' departments who are employed  
5 on a full time basis.

6 Tuition Remission: Full time sheriff's office employees shall be  
7 eligible for tuition remission as follows:

8 Full tuition remission shall apply for enrollment in any state  
9 supported course or program at any community college, state col-  
10 lege, or state university excluding the M.D. program at the univer-  
11 sity of Massachusetts medical school.

12 Fifty percent (50%) tuition remission shall apply for enrollment  
13 in any non-state supported course or program offered through con-  
14 tinuing education at any community college, state college, or state  
15 university, excluding the M.D. program at the university of  
16 Massachusetts medical school.

17 Remission benefit is subject to space availability as well as  
18 usual and ordinary admission policies. It shall be subject to the  
19 approval of the higher educational coordinating council and to the  
20 policies and procedures applied to similar incentive programs.

1 SECTION 2. The Massachusetts sheriffs' association training  
2 and education committee shall evaluate the program and report to  
3 the Massachusetts sheriffs' association on an annual basis.

4 The Massachusetts sheriffs' association shall approve certifi-  
5 cate and degree programs for attendance by employees of the  
6 respective institutions operated by the several sheriffs.