

HOUSE No. 1235

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Frank A. Moran

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing military active duty members and retired veterans to transfer all college credits to higher education institutions in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Frank A. Moran

17th Essex

Bud L. Williams

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Moran of Lawrence, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1235) of Frank A. Moran and Bud L. Williams relative to the transfer of college credits by certain military personnel and veterans to certain institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3777 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act authorizing military active duty members and retired veterans to transfer all college credits to higher education institutions in the Commonwealth.

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 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 30A the
2 following section:-

3 Section 30B. Every public and independent college, university or other institution of
4 higher education in the commonwealth shall accept from any active member or veteran of the
5 United States Armed Forces transferring to or enrolling in such college, university or other
6 institution of higher education, all transfer credits from any accredited post-secondary institution
7 or institution of higher education, accredited international post-secondary institution or
8 institution of higher education, and college level examination program, provided that such credits
9 were earned during said member or veteran’s service in the United States Armed Forces, and

10 shall accept any military training or experience for credit as recommended by the American
11 Council on Education, to be counted towards an undergraduate degree program. Every college,
12 university or other institution of higher education in the commonwealth shall establish a formal
13 process to assist said active members and veterans with transferring credits as described herein,
14 and applying transfer credits for which there is no equivalent discipline area to the concentration
15 of the active member or veteran's choice. The board of higher education shall promulgate
16 regulations as necessary to implement and enforce this section.