## **SENATE**

## . No. 01821

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Hart, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish a military service scholarship program..

#### PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John Hart, Jr.	First Suffolk
John H. Rogers	12th Norfolk
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester

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By Mr. Hart, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1821) of Moore, Rogers and Hart for legislation to establish a military service scholarship program [Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs].

# [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE

□ SENATE
□ , NO. *1997* OF 2009-2010.]

#### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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 1. Section 16 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the following paragraph:
- There shall be a Military Service Scholarship Program pursuant to section 16 of chapter
- 4 15A of the General Laws to provide full scholarships to the children, siblings or widowed
- 5 spouses of Massachusetts servicemen and servicewomen, who are killed or die or are severely
- 6 disabled from injuries received while in the performance of duties including authorized training
- 7 duty; to children, siblings or widowed spouses of prisoners of war or military or service persons
- 8 missing in action in any foreign land, including but not limited to, Iraq and Afghanistan, whose
- 9 wartime service is credited to the commonwealth and whose service was Between September

10 eleven two thousand one, and the termination of both the Iraq and Afghanistan campaign; to the children, siblings and widowed spouses of veterans whose service was credited to the 11 commonwealth and who were killed in action or otherwise died as a result of such service. Such 12 scholarships shall be awarded by the council pursuant to its guidelines established to govern this 13 program and shall go to those persons referenced above who are admitted to an institution of 14 higher education in the commonwealth to pursue undergraduate studies. The guidelines shall 15 include, but not be limited to, a waiver of mandatory fees, tuition, books, room and board, or 16 other school mandated related expenses.

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