

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1735**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*John Hart, Jr.*

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*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 to establish a military service scholarship program.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John Hart, Jr.*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk*

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By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1735) of John Hart, Jr. for legislation to establish a military service scholarship program. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1821 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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:

3 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  
11 children, siblings and widowed spouses of veterans whose service was credited to the  
12 commonwealth and who were killed in action or otherwise died as a result of such service. Such  
13 scholarships shall be awarded by the council pursuant to its guidelines established to govern this  
14 program and shall go to those persons referenced above who are admitted to an institution of  
15 higher education in the commonwealth to pursue undergraduate studies. The guidelines shall  
16 include, but not be limited to, a waiver of mandatory fees, tuition, books, room and board, or  
17 other school mandated related expenses.