

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2151**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph A. Boncore***

*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 relative to Veterans' Education Tuition System (VETS).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Boncore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2151) of Joseph A. Boncore and David F. DeCoste for legislation relative to Veterans' Education Tuition System (VETS).  
Veterans and Federal Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to Veterans' Education Tuition System (VETS).

*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 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any person admitted to a  
4 public institution of higher education who is a veteran as defined in clause Forty-third of section  
5 7 of chapter 4 or who is armed forces personnel or who is a member of the National Guard shall  
6 be eligible for a full waiver of all tuition and fees for not more than 150 credit hours at such  
7 institution immediately upon establishing residency in the commonwealth. No person who  
8 qualifies for a waiver of tuition and fees under any other provision of this chapter shall be denied  
9 any waiver as a result of that person's eligibility under this paragraph. An eligible individual  
10 shall provide the public higher education institution of higher education with proof of status as a  
11 veteran, armed forces personnel or membership in the National Guard. The waiver recipient may

12 attend full-time or part-time and the benefit may be used for study at the undergraduate or  
13 graduate levels.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.