

HOUSE No. 3753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brandy Fluker Oakley

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 regarding preference for Boston high school graduates for the position of police officer in the city of Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>

HOUSE No. 3753

By Ms. Fluker Oakley of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3753) of Brandy Fluker Oakley (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to preference for Boston high school graduates for the position of police officer in the city of Boston. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act regarding preference for Boston high school graduates for the position of police officer in the city of Boston.

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. In this act, all terms shall have the same meaning as those terms defined in
2 section 1 of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

3 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 26 of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws or
4 any other general or special law to the contrary, when the administrator creates eligible lists for
5 original appointment to the position of police officer in the city of Boston pursuant to chapter
6 thirty-one of the General Laws, the names of persons who pass examinations for original
7 appointment to a position of police officer in the city of Boston shall be placed on the eligible list
8 in the following order: (1) disabled veterans, in the order of their respective standings; (2)
9 veterans, in the order of their respective standings; (3) widows or widowed mothers of veterans
10 who were killed in action or died from a service connected disability incurred in wartime service,
11 in the order of their respective standings; (4) persons who graduated from any public or private

12 secondary school located in Boston or from any public secondary school as participants in the
13 Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program, and who were Boston
14 residents at the time of graduation from high school, in the order of their respective standings;
15 (5) all others, in the order of their respective standings.

16 The administrator may require an applicant to provide information, in a form deemed
17 sufficient by the administrator, to demonstrate the school from which that applicant graduated
18 and whether the applicant was a Boston resident at that time.

19 Nothing in this act shall amend, inodify, or repeal the Boston Police Commissioner's
20 authority under St. 1978, c. 174, as amended, to appoint individuals to the police force in the city
21 of Boston from the cadet program without certification from an eligible list prepared under
22 chapter thirty-one of the General Laws. In addition, where the Boston Police Commissioner has
23 provided the administrator with the written request allowed by section 58 of chapter thirty-one of
24 the General Laws, the administrator shall, when certifying names from said eligible list for
25 original appointment to the police force for the city of Boston, continue to place the names of all
26 persons who have resided in said city or town for three (3) continuous years immediately prior to
27 the date of that person's respective Civil Service Examination ahead of the name of any person
28 who has not so resided.

29 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.