

SENATE No. 2151

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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.