

SENATE NO. 2009

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MASTER OF LIBRARY SCIENCE ASSISTANCE 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 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The board of higher education, subject to appropriation, shall establish a public librarian
4 incentive program, for the purpose of providing grants to public librarians presently working in
5 a public library in the Commonwealth, who are planning to attend, or attending, an institution of
6 higher education within the Commonwealth, or partner institutions under New England Board
7 of Higher Education's Regional Student Program, to earn a Master of Library Science degree.
8 Said board of higher education shall establish rules and regulations for the program, including
9 the levels of academic, leadership, extracurricular, and other achievement needed to qualify for
10 the grants. Based upon such rules and regulations, the board of higher education shall award a

- 11 grant equal to full tuition to public librarians who apply from each public library and who
- 12 qualify for the Master of Library Science assistance program.