

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1214**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and Paul W. Mark***

*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 committing to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gerard J. Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph A. Boncore</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>

<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Lenny Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>

<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>

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By Messrs. Garballey of Arlington and Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1214) of Sean Garballey and others for legislation to provide adequate funding for the Commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act committing to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system.

*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. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the follow section:-

3 Section 15A. It is the intention of the general court to assure fair and adequate funding  
4 for the commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education by assuring that the appropriation  
5 to fund such institutions equals the level of funding in effect in fiscal year 2001, adjusted for  
6 inflation, and maintained, at a minimum, at that level thereafter. Effective in fiscal year 2020,  
7 the annual budget request for the public institutions of higher education shall be determined by  
8 the council and the secretary in accordance with this section for the University of Massachusetts,  
9 the state university system, the community college system, and needs-based financial assistance  
10 administered by the council under section 9B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the  
11 contrary, the council shall establish a 5-year schedule, beginning in fiscal year 2020, to restore  
12 the level of funding of public institutions of higher education and needs based financial

13 assistance developed under section 15B to no less than the total per student appropriation for  
14 fiscal year 2001, adjusted for inflation to the current fiscal year using the consumer price index  
15 for all urban consumers, U.S. city average, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor  
16 Statistics. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the budget request to the  
17 secretary of administration and finance for the system of institutions of public higher education  
18 and needs-based financial assistance developed under section 15B shall be not less than the  
19 amount determined by said schedule, and, in fiscal year 2024 and following, shall not be less than  
20 the total per-student appropriation for fiscal year 2001 as so adjusted for inflation. The council  
21 shall submit its annual budget request to the secretary of administration and finance, the house  
22 and senate committees on ways and means and the joint committee on higher education.

23 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 7H of chapter 29 or any other general or special  
24 law to the contrary, the governor shall submit to the general court annually a request for an  
25 appropriation that complies with the funding requirements of section 15A of chapter 15A. Said  
26 appropriation request shall not propose any direct or indirect reductions in any other state  
27 appropriation including, but not limited to, collective bargaining agreements pursuant to chapter  
28 150E of the General Laws, and scholarships and need-based financial assistance authorized by  
29 chapter 15A of the General Laws.

30 SECTION 3. In fiscal years 2020 through 2024, no tuition or fees shall increase for  
31 students enrolled at public institution of higher education in any fiscal year where the  
32 appropriation for public institutions of higher education is at least the amount requested by the  
33 council as provided in section 15A of chapter 15A of the General Laws.