# **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1221**

### The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

#### Natalie M. Higgins

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 to guarantee debt-free public higher education.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex
Maria Duaime Robinson	6th Middlesex
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex
Nick Collins	First Suffolk
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex
Gerard J. Cassidy	9th Plymouth
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire
Dylan A. Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex
Tommy Vitolo	15th Norfolk

David M. Rogers  Elizabeth A. Malia  Ith Suffolk  Michael S. Day  Adrian C. Madaro  Ist Suffolk  Michael J. Barrett  Jennifer E. Benson  Daniel M. Donahue  If th Worcester  Kay Khan  Ith Middlesex  Joseph A. Boncore  First Suffolk and Middlesex  Steven Ultrino  Jard Middlesex  Daniel Cahill  Ioth Essex  Rebecca L. Rausch  Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex  Antonio F. D. Cabral  Bud L. Williams  Ith Hampden  Daniel J. Ryan  Jand Suffolk  Tami L. Gouveia  Ith Middlesex  Jan D. DiDomenico  Middlesex and Suffolk  Michelle L. Ciccolo  Isth Middlesex  Jay D. Livingstone  Steven Ultring  Buf L. Williams  Ith Hampshire  Christina A. Minicucci  David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf  Mary Tram T. Nguyen  Michael D. Brady  Second Plymouth and Bristol  Thomas M. Stanley  John Santiago  Physical Hampshire  Carlos Gonzalez  Nika C. Elugardo  Joh Santiago  First Hampden and Hampshire  Lith Worcester  First Hampden and Hampshire  First P. Lesser  James J. O'Day  Ith Worcester	Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin
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Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands

## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1221**

By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1221) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to free public higher education. Higher Education.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

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

An Act to guarantee debt-free public higher education.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "opportunities." in line 14 the
- 3 following words:-
- 4 It is hereby further declared to be the policy of the commonwealth to guarantee free
- 5 public higher education as a right for all residents.
- 6 SECTION 2. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
- 7 following section:-
- 8 Section 45. (a) Definitions
- 9 As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings, unless the
- 10 context clearly requires otherwise:
- "Board", the Board of Higher Education.

"Eligible Student", a resident of the commonwealth as determined by the board of higher education's residency status for tuition classification purposes, who has attained a high school diploma or its equivalent in the commonwealth, who is admitted to and enrolled in a Massachusetts public college or university or other public certificate, vocational, or adult education program, and who is enrolled full-time or part-time, and who maintains a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above.

- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the board shall create a grant program to pay the equivalent of tuition and mandatory fees to an eligible student at any Massachusetts public college or university, or certificate, vocational, or training program at a public institution, up to the equivalent of four years of public college or university.
- (c) The grant shall supplement and shall not replace state grants, gift aid, institutional aid, or federal aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid process. The board shall promulgate regulations to ensure funds from this program do not affect eligibility for other state grants, gift aid, institutional aid, or federal aid through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid process.
- (d) All public higher education and public vocational training institutions shall be considered eligible institutions for this program and there shall be no restrictions on a student's choice of academic programs.
- (e) The board shall provide an annual notice of eligibility for this program to all eligible students and all new graduates from a Massachusetts high school or GED program. The board will maintain a database of all students currently or potentially eligible for this program.