

HOUSE No. 01242

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to public higher education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Sean Garballey of Arlington, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01242) of Benjamin Swan and others relative to the finances and funding of public higher educational institutions. Joint Committee on Higher Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to 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:

- 1 Sec 1. Ch.15A is hereby amended by striking sec.15C.

- 2 Sec 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the
3 Office of State Comptroller shall not charge any public college or university a fee for processing
4 checks that go through HR/CMS.

- 5 Sec 3. Not withstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation Public Institutions of
6 Higher Education may elect to pay its payroll tax from either local funds or its state
7 appropriation.

- 8 Sec 4. Not with standing any general or special law to the contrary Foundations established for
9 the benefit of public colleges and universities may enter into any lease agreements permitted by
10 law.

11 Sec 5. Section 4 of Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1960 is hereby amended by striking out
12 paragraph (n) and inserting in place thereof the following:--

13 (n) To invest any funds held by it pending disbursement in such investments as may be legal
14 investments for funds of the commonwealth or any fiduciary in the commonwealth.

15 Sec 6. Section 15E of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as amended by section 26 of chapter
16 189 of the acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in
17 place thereof the following paragraph:-

18 “Subject to appropriation, the commonwealth shall contribute funds to each institution's
19 recognized foundation in an amount necessary to match private contributions in the current fiscal
20 year to the institutions or a foundation's endowment or capital outlay program based on the
21 following matching formula: subject to appropriation, the commonwealth's contribution shall be
22 equal to \$1 for every \$2, or \$1 for the greater number of dollars established by the board of
23 higher education, privately contributed to the university's board of trustees or a foundation; \$1
24 for every \$2, or \$1 dollar for such greater number of dollars as may be established by the board
25 of higher education, privately contributed to each state university's board of trustees or
26 foundation; and \$1 for every \$2, or \$1 for such greater number of dollars as may be established
27 by the board of higher education, privately contributed to each community college's board of
28 trustees or foundation.”

29 Sec.7. Said section 15E of Ch.15A shall be further amended by striking the fourth paragraph.