

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1289**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alan Silvia*

*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 college tuition and admissions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>

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By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1289) of Alan Silvia and others relative to residential preference for financial aid at public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1362 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to college tuition and admissions.

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

1 Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 37. In making decisions relating to admissions, scholarships and grants, any  
3 college, university, community college or junior college within the system of public institutions  
4 of higher education as set forth in section 5 of chapter 15A, shall identify and give priority to  
5 students or prospective students residing in the commonwealth: (1) whose biological parents are  
6 deceased or had their parental rights terminated due to abuse or neglect; and (2) who have been  
7 legally adopted by a blood relative within the third level of consanguinity or were assigned a  
8 permanent legal guardian by a court.