

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3004**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Denise Provost***

*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 address the degree gap and reduce student debt.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3004) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to authorize certain high school students to attend community college free of tuition and fees. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to address the degree gap and reduce student debt.

*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 15A of the general laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding a new section 15H, as follows:

3 The commonwealth, subject to appropriation, shall provide to all Massachusetts high  
4 school graduates who have maintained the high school grade point average to be determined by  
5 the board of higher education with two years of community college, free of tuition and fees.