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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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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 CONSTITUTING A STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex
Frederick E. Berry	Second Essex
John D. Keenan	7th Essex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
William Lantigua	16th Essex
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
David L. Flynn	8th Plymouth
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex and Middlesex
Richard R. Tisei	Middlesex and Essex
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
Mark V. Falzone	9th Essex
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	16th Suffolk
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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AN ACT CONSTITUTING A STATE UNIVERSITY 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 2006 Official Edition, is
2   hereby amended by inserting after section 5 the following section: -

3   Section 5A. There shall be within the system of public institutions of higher
4   education a segment that shall be and be known as the state university system.
5   The following public institutions of higher education shall constitute the state
6   university system, and each such institution shall be a state university:
7   Bridgewater State College, Fitchburg State College, Framingham State College,
8   the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the Massachusetts College of
9   Liberal Arts, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salem State College,
10   Westfield State College and Worcester State College.

11   Anything in any other provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, each of
12   the state universities shall have the authority to offer degree programs at the
13   doctoral level consistently with its mission; provided only that the board of higher
14   education shall, in accordance with section 9(a), first approve the offering of each
15   such degree program.

16   Anything in section 5, in this section 5A or in any other general or special
17   provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding, the board of trustees of any state
18   university may change the name of such institution by both including therein the
19   word "university" and deleting there from the word "college" (or, in the case of
20   the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the word "academy"); provided only that,
21   not less than sixty days prior to the effective date of such change, the board of
22   trustees shall file with the governor, with the clerks of the senate and house of
23   representatives and with the board of higher education notice of such change and
24   the effective date thereof.

25   Nothing in this section shall alter any bargaining unit that exists at any state
26   university on the effective date of this section; and no act done pursuant to this
27   section shall be deemed to be justification for altering any bargaining unit that
28   exists at any state university on the date immediately preceding the effective date
29   of such act.

30   Any reference, by connotation or otherwise, to the state colleges generally or to
31   any one or more of them individually in any general or special law or in any
32   order, by-law, rule, regulation, deed, indenture or other document or instrument
33   shall be and be deemed to be a reference, respectively, to the state universities
34   generally or to the corresponding state universities, whether one or more,
35   individually.

36   Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the state college building
37   authority or the obligations, agreements, authorities or responsibilities thereof.