

HOUSE No. 629

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cahill

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 the public safety on urban college campuses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

Mark J. Cusack

Michelle M. DuBois

5th Norfolk

10th Plymouth

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 629) of Daniel Cahill and others relative to the public safety on certain college and university campuses in the Commonwealth. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the public safety on urban college campuses.

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. Definitions:

2 “College or university”, under this Act shall mean any campus or other property of an
3 educational institution of higher learning within the commonwealth of Massachusetts, excluding
4 any college or university under the control of the Trustees of the University of Massachusetts,
5 that is located within the City of Boston and/or any other community located within the City of
6 Boston side of the geographic area bordered by Route 495, and has an aggregate student
7 population matriculating in undergraduate and graduate programs of at least ten thousand.

8 “Police Officer”, under this Act shall mean any person employed on a full-time basis by a
9 covered college or university as a police officer, who has been assigned to and has satisfactorily
10 completed a prescribed course of study approved by the municipal police training committee or
11 its equivalent, or the department of state police, and who is authorized to carry high capacity
12 weapons.

13 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the trustees of
14 any college or university covered by this section shall make rules and regulations for the control,
15 movement and parking of vehicles on the campus or other property of the college or university,
16 and may provide reasonable penalties for the violation of those rules and regulations. The
17 trustees may appoint as police officers persons employed by the college or university who, in the
18 enforcement of these rules and regulations throughout the campus or other property of the
19 college or university shall have the powers of police officers granted by General Laws Chapter
20 90. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all fines and penalties recovered for violation of
21 rules and regulations made under the authority of this section shall be accounted for by the clerk
22 of the court and forwarded to the trustees of the college or university to be deposited in the
23 scholarship trust fund of the college or university for scholarship purposes.

24 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, police officers
25 appointed by any college or university covered by this section, in connection with the operation
26 of any part of the college or university within the limits of the campuses, its other properties or
27 the environs thereof, may perform police duties under the direction of the commanding officer or
28 the person in charge of such campus or other property. While performing such duties within
29 those limits, the police officers shall have the same authorities immunities and privileges as duly
30 appointed and qualified police officers acting elsewhere in the commonwealth.

31 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any college or
32 university covered by this section may enter into an agreement with any other college or
33 university covered by this section, to provide mutual aid programs for their police departments to
34 increase the capabilities of such departments to protect the lives, safety and property of the
35 people in the area designated by the agreement. The agreement may include the furnishing of

36 personal services, supplies, materials, contractual services and equipment when the resources
37 normally available to the colleges or universities covered thereby are not sufficient to cope with
38 a situation that requires police action. When providing such mutual aid, police officers shall
39 have all the duties, authorities, immunities, and privileges granted to them by the colleges or
40 universities that appointed them, including but not limited to the same duties, authorities,
41 immunities and privileges as duly appointed and qualified police officers acting as such in the
42 college or university where the mutual aid is being performed.

43 SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary,
44 police officers covered by this Act and retired police officers shall be entitled to possession of a
45 police identification card authorized under state and federal law under the same terms and
46 conditions as municipal police officers.