

**SENATE . . . . . No. 713**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James E. Timilty*

*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 establish a Master of Library Science assistance program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 713) of James E. Timilty and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to establish a Master of Library Science assistance program. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 686 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to establish a Master of Library Science assistance program.

*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 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           The board of higher education, subject to appropriation, shall establish a public librarian  
4 incentive program, for the purpose of providing grants to public librarians presently working in a  
5 public library in the Commonwealth, who are planning to attend, or attending, an institution of  
6 higher education within the Commonwealth, or partner institutions under New England Board of  
7 Higher Education's Regional Student Program, to earn a Master of Library Science degree. Said  
8 board of higher education shall establish rules and regulations for the program, including the  
9 levels of academic, leadership, extracurricular, and other achievement needed to qualify for the  
10 grants. Based upon such rules and regulations, the board of higher education shall award a grant

- 11 equal to full tuition to public librarians who apply from each public library and who qualify for
- 12 the Master of Library Science assistance program.