

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1258**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Patricia A. Duffy*

*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 expanding access to the Higher Education Endowment Matching Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Duffy of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1258) of Patricia A. Duffy and Joanne M. Comerford relative to expanding access to the Higher Education Endowment Matching Program. Higher Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act expanding access to the Higher Education Endowment Matching 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 15E of chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the  
2 second paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, subject to appropriation, the  
4 commonwealth shall contribute funds to the recognized foundation of a non-profit institution of  
5 higher education that provides a 2-year, accredited academic program that grants associate  
6 degrees to low income women and that does not charge tuition or fees, in an amount necessary to  
7 match private contributions in the current fiscal year to the institution’s or a foundation’s  
8 endowment or capital outlay program based on the following matching formula: subject to  
9 appropriation, the commonwealth’s contribution shall be equal to \$1 for every \$2 privately  
10 contributed to the institution’s board of trustees or a foundation, or \$1 dollar for such greater  
11 number of dollars as may be established by the board of higher education.