

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2109**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice K. Wolf and 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 regarding higher education opportunities for high school graduates in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                           | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                    |
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| <i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>           | <i>15th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>        | <i>Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex</i> |
| <i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>      | <i>12th Suffolk</i>                  |
| <i>Denise Andrews</i>           | <i>2nd Franklin</i>                  |
| <i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i>                  |
| <i>Martin J. Walsh</i>          | <i>13th Suffolk</i>                  |
| <i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>   | <i>26th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>        |                                      |
| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i>           | <i>29th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Christopher N. Speranzo</i>  | <i>3rd Berkshire</i>                 |
| <i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>   | <i>34th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i>  |                                      |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>                 | <i>11th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>       | <i>11th Suffolk</i>                  |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>       |                                      |
| <i>Carlo Basile</i>             | <i>1st Suffolk</i>                   |
| <i>Gloria L. Fox</i>            | <i>7th Suffolk</i>                   |

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| <i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>           | <i>15th Suffolk</i>   |
| <i>Cory Atkins</i>               | <i>14th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i> | <i>4th Berkshire</i>  |
| <i>Byron Rushing</i>             | <i>9th Suffolk</i>    |
| <i>David M. Torrisi</i>          | <i>14th Essex</i>     |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i>            | <i>14th Worcester</i> |

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By Representatives Wolf of Cambridge and Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2109) of Jay R. Kaufman and others relative to the eligibility of students for in-state tuition rates and fees at public higher educational institutions. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1175 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act regarding higher education opportunities for high school graduates in the commonwealth.

*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 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 20 of  
2 chapter 189 of the acts of 2010, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of  
4 determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education,  
5 except the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the University of Massachusetts  
6 School of Law, any person admitted to such public institutions of higher education, other than a  
7 nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of paragraph 15 of subsection (a) of 8 U.S.C., section  
8 1101 of the federal act, who has attended high school in the commonwealth for 3 or more years  
9 and has graduated from a high school in the commonwealth or attained the equivalent thereof in  
10 the commonwealth, shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates and fees at the University of

11 Massachusetts, or any other state university or state college or community college in the  
12 commonwealth; provided, however, that any person who is eligible for the military selective  
13 service under the federal Military Selective Service Act, as amended by 50 U.S.C., App. 453,  
14 section 3, shall register for such. No person qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under this  
15 chapter shall be denied in-state tuition and fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under this  
16 paragraph. An eligible person shall provide the University of Massachusetts, or any other state  
17 university or state college or community college in the commonwealth with (i) a valid social  
18 security number or a document reflecting issuance of an individual taxpayer identification  
19 number (ITIN) in lieu of a social security number; (ii) if that person is not a citizen of the United  
20 States or a legal permanent resident of the United States, an affidavit signed under the pains and  
21 penalties of perjury stating that the person has applied for citizenship or legal permanent  
22 residence or will apply for citizenship or legal permanent residence in accordance with federal  
23 statute and federal regulations within 120 days of eligibility for such status and (iii)  
24 documentation of registration with the selective service, if applicable.