

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4560**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act relative to changing the name state college to state university..

*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. Section 18B of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “state colleges”, in lines 4 and 35,  
3 and inserting in place thereof the words “state universities”.

4           SECTION 2. Section 35EE of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “state colleges”, in line 22, and  
6 inserting in place thereof the words “state universities”.

7           SECTION 3. Section 18A of chapter 15 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “state colleges”, in lines 7-8, and  
9 inserting in place thereof the words “state universities”.

10          SECTION 4. The fourth paragraph of section 1 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as  
11 appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the  
12 following sentence:- The state’s system of public higher education shall consist of the following  
13 segments: (1) the university segment, which shall consist of the University of Massachusetts at

14 Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell and Worcester; (2) the state university segment, which  
15 shall consist of Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State  
16 University, the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy,  
17 the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Salem State University, Westfield State University,  
18 and Worcester State University; and (3) the community college segment, which shall consist of  
19 Berkshire Community College, Bristol Community College, Bunker Hill Community College,  
20 Cape Cod Community College, Greenfield Community College, Holyoke Community College,  
21 Massachusetts Bay Community College, Massasoit Community College, Middlesex Community  
22 College, Mount Wachusett Community College, Northern Essex Community College, North  
23 Shore Community College, Quinsigamond Community College, Roxbury Community College,  
24 and Springfield Technical Community College.

25 SECTION 4A. Said section 1 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by striking  
26 out the words “state college”, in line 32, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
27 university”.

28 SECTION 5. Section 4 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the words  
29 “state university”, in line 20, and inserting in place thereof the words “university of  
30 Massachusetts”.

31 SECTION 5A. Said section 4 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by striking  
32 out the words “a state college chosen by vote of the chairs of the boards of trustees of each of the  
33 state colleges”, in lines 21-22, and inserting in place thereof the words:- a state university,  
34 chosen by vote of the chairs of the boards of trustees of each of the state universities.

35 SECTION 5B. The seventh sentence of said section 4 of said chapter 15A is hereby  
36 amended by striking out the words “state colleges”, in line 27, inserting in place thereof the  
37 following sentence:- state universities.

38 SECTION 6. The second sentence of section 4A of said chapter 15A is hereby amended  
39 by striking out the words “1 of whom shall be a chancellor of a state university or college, 1 of  
40 whom shall be a president of a state college or his designee”, in lines 27-28, and inserting in  
41 place thereof the words:- 1 of whom shall be a chancellor of a campus of the university of  
42 Massachusetts or his designee, 1 of whom shall be the president of a state university or his  
43 designee.

44 SECTION 7. Section 5 of said chapter 15A, is hereby amended by striking out the words  
45 “Bridgewater State College, Fitchburg State College, Framingham State College, the  
46 Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Massachusetts  
47 College of Liberal Arts, Salem State College, Westfield State College, Worcester State College”,  
48 in lines 5-8, and inserting in place thereof the following:- Bridgewater State University,  
49 Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, the Massachusetts College of Art and  
50 Design, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Salem  
51 State University, Westfield State University, Worcester State University.

52 SECTION 8. The first paragraph of section 7 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by  
53 striking out the words “state college”, in line 3, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
54 university”.

55 SECTION 8A. The second paragraph of said section 7 of said chapter 15A is hereby  
56 amended by striking out the second sentence, and inserting in place thereof the following:- The

57 board of trustees of each state university and community college shall develop and submit to the  
58 secretary and the council a mission statement for each such institution.

59 SECTION 8B. The second paragraph of said section 7 of said chapter 15A is hereby  
60 further amended by inserting after the word “state”, in line 23, the word “university”.

61 SECTION 9. Paragraph (b) of section 7A of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by  
62 inserting after the word “state”, in lines 12-13, the word “universities”.

63 SECTION 9A. Paragraph (c) of said section 7A of said chapter 15A is hereby amended  
64 by inserting after the word “state”, in line 27, the word “university”.

65 SECTION 10. Section 9 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the words  
66 “state colleges”, in lines 55, 70, 94 and 136, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
67 universities”.

68 SECTION 10A. Said section 9 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by striking  
69 out the words “state college”, in line 105, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
70 university”.

71 SECTION 10B. Said section 9 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by striking  
72 out the words “public university, state college or community college”, in lines 169-170, and  
73 inserting in place thereof the words “public institution of higher education”.

74 SECTION 11. Section 14 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
75 words “state university”, in line 1, and inserting in place thereof the words “university of  
76 Massachusetts”.

77 SECTION 12. Section 15 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
78 words “state colleges”, in line 24, and inserting in place thereof the words “state universities”.

79 SECTION 12A. Said section 15 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by  
80 striking out the words “state college”, in line 26, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
81 university”.

82 SECTION 13. Section 15B of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by inserting after the  
83 word “state”, in line 23, the word “university”.

84 SECTION 14. Section 15E of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
85 words “state university and public colleges”, in line 2, and inserting in place thereof the words  
86 “public institutions of higher education”.

87 SECTION 14A. Said section 15E of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by  
88 striking out the words “state college’s”, in line 19, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
89 university’s”.

90 SECTION 14B. Said section 15E of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by  
91 striking out the words “state college”, in line 36, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
92 university”.

93 SECTION 15. Section 19 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
94 words “public college or university”, in lines 40-41, and inserting in place thereof the words  
95 “public institution of higher education”.

96 SECTION 15A. Said section 19 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by  
97 striking out the words “state college”, in line 45, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
98 university”.

99 SECTION 15B. Said section 19 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by  
100 striking out the words “public college or university”, in lines 65, and 85-86, and inserting in  
101 place thereof the words “public institution of higher education”.

102 SECTION 16. Section 19D of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
103 words “public college or university”, in lines 13-14, and inserting in place thereof the words  
104 “public institution of higher education”.

105 SECTION 17. Section 22 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
106 words “state college”, in lines 1-2, and inserting in place thereof the words “state university”.

107 SECTION 17A. Said section 22 of said chapter 15A is hereby further amended by  
108 striking out the words “state college”, in line 84, and inserting in place thereof the words “state  
109 university”.

110 SECTION 18. Section 37 of said chapter 15A is hereby amended by striking out the  
111 words “public college or university”, in line 13, and inserting in place thereof the words “public  
112 institution of higher education”.

113 SECTION 19. Section 6 of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
114 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “state college”, in line 3, and  
115 inserting in place thereof the words “state university”.

116 SECTION 20. Section 8 of said chapter 69 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
117 “state college”, in line 5, and inserting in place thereof the words “state university”.

118 SECTION 21. Section 1 of chapter 73 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
119 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:- As used in this chapter,  
120 the words “state college” or “state colleges” shall be deemed to mean: Bridgewater State  
121 University, Fitchburg State University, Framingham State University, the Massachusetts College  
122 of Art and Design, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the Massachusetts College of Liberal  
123 Arts, Salem State University, Westfield State University, and Worcester State University.

124 SECTION 22. Section 1 of chapter 75 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
125 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the word “state”, in line 1, and inserting in  
126 place thereof the word “state’s”.

127 SECTION 23. Section 1 of chapter 90C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
128 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “state and community colleges”, in  
129 lines 76 and 90, and inserting in place thereof the words “state universities and community  
130 colleges”.

131 SECTION 23A. Section 2 of said chapter 90C is hereby amended by striking out the  
132 words “state or community colleges”, in lines 11 and 46, and inserting in place thereof the words  
133 “state universities or community colleges”.

134 SECTION 23B. Said section 2 of said chapter 90C is hereby further amended by striking  
135 out the words “state or community college”, in lines 13-14, 30-31, 32 and 41, and inserting in  
136 place thereof the words “state university or community college”.

137 SECTION 24. Section 1 of chapter 703 of the acts of 1963, as most recently amended by  
138 sections 4 and 5 of chapter 258 of the acts of 2008, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph  
139 (h) and inserting in place thereof the following:- (h) “State college”, any of the following public  
140 institutions of higher education: Bridgewater State University, Fitchburg State University,  
141 Framingham State University, the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the Massachusetts  
142 Maritime Academy, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Salem State University,  
143 Westfield State University, and Worcester State University.

144 SECTION 25. With the exception of section 24, nothing in this act shall be construed to  
145 affect the Massachusetts State College Building Authority, established pursuant to chapter 703 of  
146 the acts of 1963, as amended, or the obligations, agreements, authorities or responsibilities  
147 thereof.

148 SECTION 26. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to alter any bargaining unit that exists  
149 at Bridgewater State University, formerly known as Bridgewater State College, Fitchburg State  
150 University, formerly known as Fitchburg State College, Framingham State University, formerly  
151 known as Framingham State College, the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the  
152 Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Salem State  
153 University, formerly known as Salem State College, Westfield State University, formerly known  
154 as Westfield State College, and Worcester State University, formerly known as Worcester State  
155 College, on the effective date of this act. No action taken pursuant to this act shall be deemed to  
156 be justification for altering any bargaining unit that exists at said institutions on the date  
157 immediately preceding the effective date of this act.



158           SECTION 27. Any reference, by connotation or otherwise, to the state colleges generally  
159 or to any one or more of them individually in any general or special law, or in any rule,  
160 regulation, order, by-law, deed, indenture or other document or instrument shall be and be  
161 deemed to be a reference, respectively, to the state universities enumerated in clause (2) of the  
162 fourth paragraph of section 1 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, inserted by this act, generally,  
163 or to the corresponding state university, whether one or more, individually.