## **HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 1246**

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

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 establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex	1/20/2011
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk	2/4/2011

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By Mr. Walsh of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1246) of Steven M. Walsh and Linda Dorcena Forry establishing a tuition-free program within the Board of Higher Education for teachers and paraprofessionals. Higher Education.

## [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1177 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

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 2008
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-
- The Board of Higher Education shall institute, in conjunction with the Board of
- 4 Education, a program to allow any public school teacher or paraprofessional presently working
- 5 in the Commonwealth to attend courses at public institutions of Higher Education in the
- 6 Commonwealth at no tuition cost.