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HOUSE . . . . . No. 350

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 finish line grant opportunity to encourage college completion.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Richard Bastien	*2nd Worcester*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Michael R. Knapik	
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*

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HOUSE . . . . . No. 350

By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 350) of Sean Garballey and others relative to establishing the Great State of Mind Scholarship Program. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to establishing a finish line grant opportunity to encourage college completion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 16 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new paragraph after paragraph five:-

There shall be a Great State of Mind Scholarship Program to provide scholarships to cover the entire cost of tuition and fees for the last year leading to an associate or bachelor's degree at a Massachusetts public college or university to residents of the Commonwealth in need of financial assistance. The council shall establish guidelines governing said program which shall include but not be limited to eligibility requirements and selection criteria, including requiring that the applicant show that he or she will be eligible to graduate by the end of the scholarship year and has, with exceptions granted for illness, military service or other valid reasons, been a student in good standing continuously since first enrolling in a public college or university; provided, further, that no funds from this scholarship program may be used to pay the

13 tuition or fees for any course or program offered or administered by a non-public entity and that
14 no student shall be eligible to receive a scholarship from this program more than one time. If
15 funds appropriated for this program are insufficient to cover its costs, the Council shall develop a
16 pilot program that will provide assistance to a subset of the eligible students.