

SENATE No. 579

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 to establish a Master of Library Science assistance program..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James E. Timilty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 579) of James E. Timilty for legislation to establish a Master of Library Science assistance program. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 610 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to establish a Master of Library Science assistance 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 1. Section 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The board of higher education, subject to appropriation, shall establish a public
4 librarian incentive program, for the purpose of providing grants to public librarians presently
5 working in a public library in the Commonwealth, who are planning to attend, or attending, an
6 institution of higher education within the Commonwealth, or partner institutions under New
7 England Board of Higher Education's Regional Student Program, to earn a Master of Library
8 Science degree. Said board of higher education shall establish rules and regulations for the
9 program, including the levels of academic, leadership, extracurricular, and other achievement
10 needed to qualify for the grants. Based upon such rules and regulations, the board of higher

- 11 education shall award a grant equal to full tuition to public librarians who apply from each public
- 12 library and who qualify for the Master of Library Science assistance program.