

HOUSE No. 1070

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro and Michael O. Moore

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 making community colleges in Massachusetts free for residents of the state.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>Paul W. Mark</i> | <i>2nd Berkshire</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i> | <i>5th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i> | <i>16th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Jay D. Livingstone</i> | <i>8th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Frank A. Moran</i> | <i>17th Essex</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i> | <i>8th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i> | <i>12th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |

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| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Carlos Gonzalez</i> | <i>10th Hampden</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i> | <i>14th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i> | <i>11th Suffolk</i> |

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By Representative Sannicandro of Ashland and Senator Moore, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1070) of Tom Sannicandro, Michael Moore and others for legislation to exempt residents of the Commonwealth from payment of tuition or mandatory curriculum fees at community colleges. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act making community colleges in Massachusetts free for residents of the state.

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. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5A the following section:

3 Section 5B. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
4 contrary, no tuition or mandatory curriculum fees shall be charged to any resident of the state at
5 any community college listed in section 5. The commonwealth, not the community colleges,
6 shall bear the cost of providing free community colleges for residents of the state.