

HOUSE No. 3427

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 the purchase of iPads at Bridgewater State University.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/13/2015</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2015</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/10/2015</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3427) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to provide for the purchasing and distributing of instructional electronic mobile devices at public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

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

An Act relative to the purchase of iPads at Bridgewater 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 Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 3A the following section:-

3 Section 3A 1/2. The board of higher education may provide for programs and policies for
4 the purchase and distribution of instructional electronic mobile devices at public institutions of
5 higher education as set forth in section 5. Such programs or policies shall, at a minimum, meet
6 the following criteria: (i) allow students to provide an alternative make and model of electronic
7 mobile devices; (ii) the mobile device must be necessary for the student’s need for remote
8 connectivity; (iii) the use of the device is specifically for higher education instruction; (iv)
9 provide for a written policy statement on how the device will impact and enhance instruction and
10 student success, including a description on how that device is currently being utilized in the
11 student’s field of study; (v) a list of software or applications needed programmatically for the
12 device; and (vi) planning for funding for proper storage and security of the mobile device.