

SENATE No. 658

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study into expanding targeted student loan forgiveness programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 658) of Eileen M. Donoghue, James B. Eldridge, Kathleen O'Connor Ives, Bruce E. Tarr and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for an investigation and study into expanding targeted student loan forgiveness programs. Higher Education.

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

Resolve providing for an investigation and study into expanding targeted student loan forgiveness programs.

1 **Resolved**, that the board of higher education shall conduct an investigation and study of
2 expanding targeted student loan forgiveness programs in the commonwealth. The board shall
3 explore the potential of establishing state-funded loan forgiveness programs which would
4 incentivize students to pursue occupations where there is both great need and a lack of financial
5 compensation. The study shall include, but not me limited to, 1) an evaluation of current and
6 anticipated work shortages in area of need in the commonwealth; 2) the potential of loan
7 forgiveness programs to address those shortages by students to pursue relevant degrees; 3) an
8 analysis of costs and benefits to the commonwealth; and 4) an evaluation of the effectiveness of
9 current loan forgiveness programs.

10 Not later than December 31, 2016 the commission shall report to the general court the
11 result of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
12 legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerks

- 13 of the senate house of representatives who shall forward the same to the joint committee on
- 14 higher education and the senate and house committees on ways and means.