

**SENATE . . . . . No. 660**

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**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 bill:

An Act relative to fees at community colleges and state universities.

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>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 660) of Eileen M. Donoghue, James B. Eldridge, Stephen L. DiNatale, James Arciero and others for legislation relative to fees at community colleges and state universities. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 578 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to fees at community colleges and state universities.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, section 22 of chapter 15A of  
2 the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, shall hereby be amended by  
3 inserting after the word “process”, in line 14, the following:-

4 The rate of increase for fees shall not exceed the immediately preceding 3-year average  
5 of the Consumer Price Index for Massachusetts. Each community college or state university  
6 may petition for a higher increase with the board of higher education, and in contemplating  
7 approval, the board shall consider the quality of the educational programs offered at the  
8 community college or state university as well as the burden that this increase would impose on  
9 students.