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SENATE . . . . . No. 686

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James E. Timilty	*Bristol and Norfolk*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 686) 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. *590* OF 2013-2014.]

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

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:

Section 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is amended by adding the following paragraph:-

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

11 equal to full tuition to public librarians who apply from each public library and who qualify for

12 the Master of Library Science assistance program.