

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 647**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven Ultrino*

*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 establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                     | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:            | DATE ADDED:      |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i>     | <i>33rd Middlesex</i>        | <i>1/17/2017</i> |
| <i>Carmine L. Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i>        |                  |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i>        | <i>2/2/2017</i>  |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>  | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i>  | <i>13th Norfolk</i>          | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |
| <i>Natalie Higgins</i>    | <i>4th Worcester</i>         | <i>2/3/2017</i>  |

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By Mr. Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 647) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1077 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

*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 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2           Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           The Board of Higher Education shall institute, in conjunction with the Board of  
4           Education, a program to allow any public school teacher or paraprofessional presently working  
5           in the Commonwealth to attend courses at public institutions of Higher Education in the  
6           Commonwealth at no tuition cost.