

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1234**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Michlewitz*

*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 regarding gender non-specific designation for financial aid forms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Aaron Michlewitz</i>	<i>3rd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Michlewitz of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1234) of Aaron Michlewitz and Elizabeth A. Malia relative to gender non-specific designation on certain financial aid forms provided by the Board of Higher Education. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act regarding gender non-specific designation for financial aid forms.

*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 9B in Chapter 15A is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the  
2 end of the section:-

3           An applicant shall be permitted to designate “X” in lieu of “male” or “female” on any  
4 needs-based financial assistance forms or paperwork that they may need to fill out in order to be  
5 eligible to receive any financial assistance. No documentation shall be required for such  
6 designations. The Department of Higher Education may promulgate regulations to implement  
7 this change.