

HOUSE No. 1240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 address the degree gap and reduce student debt.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2019</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1240) of Denise Provost, Marcos A. Devers and James K. Hawkins for legislation to authorize certain high school students to attend community college free of tuition and fees. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3004 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to address the degree gap and reduce student debt.

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

1 Chapter 15A of the general laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding a new section 15H, as follows:

3 The commonwealth, subject to appropriation, shall provide to all Massachusetts high
4 school graduates who have maintained the high school grade point average to be determined by
5 the board of higher education with two years of community college, free of tuition and fees.