

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1225**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2019</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1225) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program in the public system of higher education. Higher Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program.

*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 1. Section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the seventh paragraph, the following new  
3 paragraph:-

4 The program shall provide tuition and mandatory fee waivers to any resident of the  
5 commonwealth who has been designated as a valedictorian by a public or private high school  
6 within the commonwealth. The tuition and mandatory fee waivers shall be provided to a student  
7 for not more than four years following enrollment as a student at a qualifying public institution.  
8 If the student designated as a valedictorian does not utilize the valedictorian tuition and fee  
9 waiver, the tuition and fee waiver shall not be offered to the salutatorian. The commonwealth,  
10 not the institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such tuition and fee waivers  
11 for Massachusetts valedictorians.

12           SECTION 2. The tuition and fee waivers of this act shall take effect and be provided to  
13   Massachusetts valedictorians who graduate from a Massachusetts public or private high school  
14   beginning in or after 2019.