

SENATE No. 1804

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/24/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>9/10/2019</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1804) of Harriette L. Chandler, Antonio F. D. Cabral, Denise Provost, Daniel M. Donahue and other members of the General Court for legislation to limit the impact of student loans to help staff succeed. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act limiting the impact of student loans to help staff succeed.

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. Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 71, the following section:-

3 Section 72. (a) The general court shall establish, with the approval of the presiding
4 officers of the 2 branches of the general court, a program under which the senate, house of
5 representatives, or general court may agree to repay, by direct payment on behalf of an
6 employee, student loans previously taken out by an employee. For purposes of this section, a
7 Member of the general court shall not be considered to be an employee of the Senate or House of
8 Representatives.

9 (b) The general court or an administrative authority thereof shall promulgate such
10 guidelines as may be necessary to carry out the program under this section, and may include

11 limitations on the type of student loans covered and on the maximum payment that may be
12 available to any one individual.

13 (c) The administration of the program authorized in this section shall be funded by
14 appropriations directed to the general court, or a branch thereof, subject to appropriation.