

**SENATE . . . . . No. 746**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Feeney***

*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 establish a Master of Library Science assistance program.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                   | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:          |                  |
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| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i>   | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> |                  |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i>       | <i>Cape and Islands</i>    | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>James K. Hawkins</i> | <i>2nd Bristol</i>         | <i>2/11/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 746) of Paul R. Feeney, Julian Cyr and James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish a Master of Library Science assistance program. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 713 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to establish a Master of Library Science assistance 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 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           The board of higher education, subject to appropriation, shall establish a public librarian  
4 incentive program, for the purpose of providing grants to public librarians presently working in a  
5 public library in the Commonwealth, who are planning to attend, or attending, an institution of  
6 higher education within the Commonwealth, or partner institutions under New England Board of  
7 Higher Education's Regional Student Program, to earn a Master of Library Science degree. Said  
8 board of higher education shall establish rules and regulations for the program, including the  
9 levels of academic, leadership, extracurricular, and other achievement needed to qualify for the  
10 grants. Based upon such rules and regulations, the board of higher education shall award a grant

- 11 equal to full tuition to public librarians who apply from each public library and who qualify for
- 12 the Master of Library Science assistance program.