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SENATE . . . . . No. 763

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 public safety on private college and university campuses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	
Diana DiZoglio	*First Essex*	*1/23/2019*
Paul F. Tucker	*7th Essex*	*1/23/2019*
Patrick M. O'Connor	*Plymouth and Norfolk*	*1/24/2019*
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*	*1/25/2019*
Bud L. Williams	*11th Hampden*	*1/28/2019*
Alan Silvia	*7th Bristol*	*1/29/2019*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*1/29/2019*
Joseph D. McKenna	*18th Worcester*	*1/29/2019*
Shaunna L. O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*	*1/30/2019*
Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*1/31/2019*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*1/31/2019*
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	*12th Worcester*	*1/31/2019*
Alyson M. Sullivan	*7th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*2/1/2019*
Patrick Joseph Kearney	*4th Plymouth*	*2/1/2019*
David K. Muradian, Jr.	*9th Worcester*	*2/1/2019*
William L. Crocker, Jr.	*2nd Barnstable*	*2/6/2019*

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 763) of Michael O. Moore, Diana DiZoglio, Paul F. Tucker, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to public safety on private college and university campuses. Higher Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to public safety on private college and university campuses.

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

SECTION 1. Definitions

"Private college or private university", under this act shall mean any campus or other property of an educational institution of higher learning within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, excluding any College or University under the control of the trustees of the University of Massachusetts.

"Special state police officer", under this act shall mean any person employed on a full-time basis by a covered private college or private university as a special state police officer, who has been assigned to and has satisfactorily completed a prescribed course of study approved by the municipal police training committee or its equivalent, or the department of state police, and who is authorized to carry class A firearms under M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 131.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, special state police officers appointed by any private college or private university covered by this section, in connection with the operation of any part of the college or university within the limits of the campuses, its other properties or the environs thereof, may perform police duties under the direction of the commanding officer or the person in charge of such campus or other property. While performing such duties within those limits, the special state police officers shall have the same authorities, including but not limited to the authority to use electronic weapons authorized under M.G.L. Chapter 140, Section 121 & 123, immunities, and privileges, as duly appointed and qualified Police Officers acting elsewhere in the commonwealth.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, special stat police officers under this act and retired special state police officers shall be entitled to possession of a Massachusetts police identification card, as authorized by state and federal law, under the same terms and conditions as municipal police officers and university of Massachusetts police officers.