

**SENATE . . . . . No. 828**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Diana DiZoglio*

*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 supporting academic research libraries and regulating trade and commerce of online academic databases for higher education institutions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Diana DiZoglio*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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By Ms. DiZoglio, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 828) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation to support academic research libraries and regulating trade and commerce of online academic databases for higher education institutions. Higher Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act supporting academic research libraries and regulating trade and commerce of online academic databases for higher education institutions.

*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 93 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 115. Any entity that sells academic databases shall reasonably and adequately  
3 disclose the pricing of database usage costs for higher education institutions by making readily  
4 available by phone and online: (i) prices and breakdowns of quoting prices for quoted priced  
5 products, and (ii) proper unit prices for all non-quoted priced products.

6 The department of higher education shall promulgate regulations for the administration  
7 and enforcement of this section.