

**SENATE . . . . . No. 833**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 urgent community college equity through student services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 833) of Anne M. Gobi and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to support urgent community college equity through student services. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act supporting urgent community college equity through student services.

*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 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting the following new section: -

3 Section XX: It is hereby declared to be the policy of the commonwealth to support  
4 community college student success through wraparound supports and services to improve  
5 outcomes for students through a grant program to be known as the Supporting Urgent  
6 Community College Equity through Student Services program, hereinafter referred to as the  
7 SUCCESS program.

8 Subject to appropriation, the SUCCESS program shall provide grants to community  
9 colleges to provide wraparound supports and services to improve outcomes for the most  
10 vulnerable student populations including, but not limited to, low-income, first generation,  
11 minority, and disabled students and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning  
12 students.

13 In conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, the  
14 department of higher education shall report to the joint committee on higher education and the  
15 house and senate committees on ways and means on the success of students supported by the  
16 fund, including any regulations, guidelines, or criteria used to distribute the funds, and on the  
17 final distribution of funds to campuses; and provided further, that funds appropriated for this  
18 item shall not revert but shall be made available for this item in future fiscal years.

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
20 section 2CCCCC the following section: -

21 Section 2SSSSS. (a) There is hereby established and set up on the books of the  
22 Commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Supporting Urgent Community College  
23 Equity through Student Services Trust Fund, hereinafter referred to as the SUCCESS Fund, to  
24 which shall be credited any appropriations, bond proceeds or other monies authorized by the  
25 general court and specifically designated to be credited thereto. Bunker Hill Community  
26 College, hereinafter referred to as the college, shall hold the SUCCESS Fund in an account or  
27 accounts separate from other funds or accounts; provided, that the SUCCESS Fund shall be  
28 administered by the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges. Amounts credited to the  
29 fund shall be used by the college to carry out the purposes of the fund as set forth in this section.  
30 Any monies unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund and may be  
31 expended by the college without further appropriation.

32 (b) The fund shall be used for wraparound support activities including, but not be limited  
33 to, peer mentors, academic skills workshops, field trips to 4-year schools, and targeted academic,  
34 career, transfer, and scholarship advising.

35           (c) The funds shall be disbursed based on a formula and criteria developed by the  
36 Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges in coordination with the Department of  
37 Higher Education.

38           (d) In conjunction with the Massachusetts Association of Community Colleges, the  
39 department of higher education shall report to the joint committee on higher education and the  
40 house and senate committees on ways and means on the success of students supported by the  
41 fund, including any regulations, guidelines, or criteria used to distribute the funds, and on the  
42 final distribution of funds to campuses.