

SENATE No. 847

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 establishing a community college campus hunger pilot program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 847) of Joan B. Lovely, Kay Khan, Brian M. Ashe, Hannah Kane and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a community college campus hunger pilot program. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 757 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act establishing a community college campus hunger pilot 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 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 44 the following section:-

3 Section 45. Community College Campus Hunger Program

4 There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a fund to
5 address food insecurity on community college campuses that shall be known as the
6 Massachusetts Community College Campus Hunger Program. The fund shall be credited with:
7 (i) revenue from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically
8 designated to the fund; (ii) interest earned on such revenues; and (iii) funds from public and
9 private sources including, but not limited to, gifts, grants and donations to further the program.

10 The department of higher education shall distribute resources from the fund by issuing a
11 request for proposal through which community colleges may apply. The department shall grant
12 funds based on the demonstrated need and implementation plan of each applicant. Funds
13 received by college campuses shall be used to address food insecurity among students via means
14 including, but not limited to, meal cards, meal plans, meal vouchers, and other campus-designed
15 projects to address community college student food insecurity.