

HOUSE No. 1257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato

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 tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>5/2/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>10/17/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/20/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>10/25/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>10/27/2023</i>

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By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1257) of Paul J. Donato relative to tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative.

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 General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 The program shall provide tuition and fee waivers for any resident of the commonwealth
4 who has been the subject of a legal guardianship pursuant to section 5-201 of chapter 190B of
5 the General Laws and who, upon reaching the age of 18 or upon enrolling in a Massachusetts
6 institution of higher education, is living with a grandparent or other relative, including any
7 person related by consanguinity, marriage or affinity except for a parent. The commonwealth,
8 not the institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of these waivers after all
9 reimbursements from the federal government have been exhausted.