

SENATE No. 1558

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:	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampden</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>3/8/2023</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1558) of Michael O. Moore, Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida, Ryan C. Fattman and Adam Gomez for legislation relative to public safety on private college and university campuses. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1618 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 147 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

3 Section 63. Private College and University Police

4 (i) “Private college” or “private university”, under this section shall mean any campus or
5 other property of an educational institution of higher learning within the commonwealth of
6 Massachusetts, excluding any public college or university as defined in Section 5 of Chapter 15A
7 of the General Laws.

8 (ii) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, special state police
9 officers appointed by any private college or private university covered by this section, in

10 connection with the operation of any part of the college or university within the limits of the
11 campuses, its other properties or the environs thereof, may perform police duties under the
12 direction of the commanding officer or the person in charge of such campus or other property.
13 While performing such duties within those limits, the special state police officers shall have the
14 same authorities, including but not limited to the authority to use electronic weapons authorized
15 under sections 121 and 123 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, immunities, and privileges, as
16 duly appointed and qualified police officers acting elsewhere in the commonwealth.

17 SECTION 2. Section 63 of chapter 22C of the general laws, as so appearing, is amended
18 by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

19 Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, or their status as
20 a special state police officer, qualified private university and college police officers shall be
21 entitled to possession of a Massachusetts police identification card, as authorized by state and
22 federal law, under the same terms and conditions as municipal police officers and University of
23 Massachusetts police officers.