

**SENATE . . . . . No. 846**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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 UMass tuition credit.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 846) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to UMass tuition credit. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 855 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to UMass tuition credit.

*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. Section 1B of Chapter 75 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by adding at the end of subsection (f) the following words:- “The value of the tuition  
3 credit shall be adjusted annually to ensure the value of said credit is worth no less than 12.5 % of  
4 the total student charges for the academic year.”

5           SECTION 2. Said Section 1B of said Chapter 75, as so appearing, is hereby further  
6 amended by striking out subsection (g) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

7           (g) The board of trustees shall not accept any tuition waivers, grants or scholarships  
8 identified in chapter 15A or any other general or special law that are in the form of tuition or fee  
9 waivers established on or after July 1, 2016 unless the reduction is accompanied with an

- 10 appropriation that fully supports the reduction or the reduction is approved by the board of
- 11 trustees or unless said reduction is secured in a collective bargaining contract.