

HOUSE No. 1428

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato and Sean Garballey

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>1/16/2025</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/21/2025</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>8/7/2025</i>

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By Representatives Donato of Medford and Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1428) of Paul J. Donato and Sean Garballey 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-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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 1. Section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

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