

HOUSE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Natalie M. Higgins

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 increasing awareness of public student loan forgiveness.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/21/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>	<i>3/16/2025</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1438) of Natalie M. Higgins, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and James B. Eldridge that the student loan ombudsman establish a live annual training program for all state employees regarding eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program through the U.S. Department of Education. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act increasing awareness of public student loan forgiveness.

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 35 of Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following
2 in subsection (b):-

3 The student loan ombudsman in coordination with the human services division within the
4 executive office for administration and finance shall assist in establishing a live annual training
5 program for all state employees regarding their eligibility for the Public Service Loan
6 Forgiveness Program through the U.S. Department of Education. An online training module shall
7 be provided during all new state employee onboarding.