

HOUSE No. 1442

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1442) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program in the public system of higher education. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1273 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program.

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 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the seventh paragraph, the following new
3 paragraph:-

4 The program shall provide tuition and mandatory fee waivers to any resident of the
5 commonwealth who has been designated as a valedictorian by a public or private high school
6 within the commonwealth. The tuition and mandatory fee waivers shall be provided to a student
7 for not more than four years following enrollment as a student at a qualifying public institution.
8 If the student designated as a valedictorian does not utilize the valedictorian tuition and fee
9 waiver, the tuition and fee waiver shall not be offered to the salutatorian. The commonwealth,

10 not the institutions of public higher education, shall bear the cost of such tuition and fee waivers
11 for Massachusetts valedictorians.

12 SECTION 2. The tuition and fee waivers of this act shall take effect and be provided to
13 Massachusetts valedictorians who graduate from a Massachusetts public or private high school
14 beginning in or after 2025.