

HOUSE No. 1460

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alan Silvia

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 college tuition and admissions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>

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By Representative Silvia of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1460) of Alan Silvia and Christopher Hendricks relative to residential preference for financial aid at public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1289 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to college tuition and admissions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 37. In making decisions relating to admissions, scholarships and grants, any
3 college, university, community college or junior college within the system of public institutions
4 of higher education as set forth in section 5 of chapter 15A, shall identify and give priority to
5 students or prospective students residing in the commonwealth: (1) whose biological parents are
6 deceased or had their parental rights terminated due to abuse or neglect; and (2) who have been
7 legally adopted by a blood relative within the third level of consanguinity or were assigned a
8 permanent legal guardian by a court.