

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5179

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 2026.

The committee on Higher Education, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1422) of James C. Arena-DeRosa for an investigation by a special commission relative to expanding the in-state higher education tuition and fee waiver program; the 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; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1443) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to higher education tuition and fee waivers for seniors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1450) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1459) of Danillo A. Sena and others for legislation to establish the MassGrant program to provide financial assistance to eligible residents enrolled at an eligible institution; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1463) of Jeffrey Rosario Turco relative to a tuition and fee freeze at all public colleges and universities; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1465) of Steven Ultrino that the Board of Higher Education be directed to establish a program for certain school teachers and paraprofessionals to attend courses at public institutions of higher education at no tuition cost, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5179) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

DAVID M. ROGERS.

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1           *Ordered,* That the committee on Higher Education be authorized to sit during a recess of  
2 the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 1422,  
3 1442, 1443, 1450, 1459, 1463 and 1465, relative to higher education tuition and fee waivers.

4           Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study  
5 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such  
6 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
7 on or before December 31, 2026.