

SENATE No. 924

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>8/6/2025</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 924) of Julian Cyr and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to tuition waivers for children raised by a grandparent or other relative. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 819 OF 2023-2024.]

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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 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the following paragraph:-

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