

SENATE No. 951

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rebecca L. Rausch

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 to support college students in recovery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/8/2025</i>

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 951) of Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation to support college students in recovery. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 847 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act to support college students in recovery.

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 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 45 the following section:-

3 Section 46. (a) Each public institution of higher education that provides housing for
4 students shall establish a college campus recovery-focused housing program to provide an
5 alcohol and drug-free environment for students recovering from substance use disorder. This
6 program shall provide services including, but not limited to, trauma informed on-site counseling,
7 mentoring, and peer support.

8 (b) Each public institution of higher education shall provide overdose training to all
9 students, faculty, and staff and shall make naloxone available for the purpose of treating
10 overdoses, as appropriate.