

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul R. Feeney***

*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 ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on the campuses of state colleges, community colleges and state universities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Paul R. Feeney*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bristol and Norfolk*

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

---

---

[Pin Slip]

---

---

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1522 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on the campuses of state colleges, community colleges and state universities.

*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 9 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following new subsection after subsection (gg):-

3 (hh) In order to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on college campuses, the  
4 council shall have the power to require the issuance of firearms and any other safety equipment it  
5 deems necessary to campus police officers employed by the commonwealth and working on the  
6 campuses of state colleges, community colleges and universities. The decision to issue firearms  
7 and other safety equipment shall be binding regardless of any past or future vote to the contrary  
8 by a board of trustees.

9           SECTION 2. Chapter 15A is further amended in Section 22 by inserting the following in  
10 the first sentence after the word authority:- "except in matters related to public safety on campus  
11 pursuant to subsection (hh) in Section 9 of this chapter".