

# UMass Tuition Retention

## An Amendment to the FY16 Senate Budget

### Summary



- 1 This change in state law allows UMass to keep all of the tuition dollars it receives rather than sending the funds back to the general fund.
- 2 The amendment allows for more predictable budgeting for UMass for the future and puts the system in line with public university systems across the country.
- 3 The UMass system received \$531.8M in state funding for FY2016, a \$20.6M increase over the previous year.

This amendment was adopted in the FY16 Senate budget



Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg (D-Amherst)  
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The Senate Budget was passed on **May 28, 2015**



An initiative that took about **20 years** to become a reality

## STATUS



## Signed into Law

Currently, UMass keeps the tuition it receives from out-of-state students, but in-state tuition is directed back to the state. This results in UMass regularly raising fees, rather than tuition, since the campuses are allowed to keep the fees. This amendment allows UMass to be in line with other states in how the funding of public higher education is handled and will allow for more transparency in billing for students and their families.

# RESPONSE



"We applaud the Legislature for approving a practical and straightforward approach to simplifying the billing process that will provide clarity for students and their families and give the University an important management tool."

- UMass spokesman Robert Connolly

"The rising cost of tuition and fees are pricing students out of attending college and UMass has a responsibility to keep costs down to ensure access for all students, regardless of socio-economic background."

- Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg



# INFOGRAPHICS

## MA Senate Adopts



## UMass Tuition Retention in FY16 Budget