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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gale D. Candaras

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 promote higher education among employees of human services provider organizations..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Gale D. Candaras	
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
James B. Eldridge	
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Karen E. Spilka	
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*

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By Ms. Candaras, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 565) of Gale D. Candaras, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., James B. Eldridge, David Paul Linsky and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote higher education among employees of human services provider organizations. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *597* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to promote higher education among employees of human services provider organizations..

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. Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following new section:--

3 Section 19F. The board of higher education, in exercising its powers under
4 section four of chapter fifteen A, shall by no later than one hundred eighty days after the
5 effective date of this act establish a program of tuition remission pursuant to which persons
6 employed by providers of social services programs that hold contracts with the commonwealth,
7 and spouses of those persons, are provided tuition remission benefits for courses or programs
8 taken at any public community college or state college or the University of Massachusetts.
9 Tuition remission benefits provided to such persons and their spouses shall be on parity, as

10 nearly as possible, with tuition remission benefits provided to employees of the commonwealth

11 and their spouses. For purposes of this act the term ?social services programs" shall have the

12 meaning specified in section 1 of chapter 118G. In developing such programs of tuition

13 remission benefits, the board of higher education and the administrator of the current tuition

14 remission program operated by the Massachusetts Council of Human Services Providers, Inc.

15 shall consult with the secretaries of health and human services and elder affairs.