

Joint Committee on Financial Services
The 194th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
2025-2026
Bill Summary

Bill No: H1336

Title: An Act relative to access to Paid Family and Medical Leave and unemployment insurance for graduate student workers

Sponsor: Rep. Erika Uytterhoeven

Hearing Date: November 4, 2025

Reporting Date: January 3, 2026

Similar Matters: S747 (Sen. Paul R. Feeney)

Prior History:

Current Law:

Chap. 151A, Sec. 6 lists exceptions to the term employment which includes farm labor, labor of a family member, service in the employ of us government, service not in the course of the regular work of the company unless payment is >\$50, grad students, student nurse, if work for a foreign government, insurance agent/solicitor if paid only with commission, <18 newspaper delivery, real estate broker/salesperson if paid only with commission, pollers, service in the employ of churches, prisoners, work by a patient in the employ of a hospital, full time student

Summary:

Deletes section that excludes graduate student workers from access to paid family and medical leave and unemployment insurance.

Designates graduate student workers as an employee.