

HOUSE No. 1045

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 relative to public higher education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1045) of Sean Garballey and Ellen Story relative to the finances and funding of public higher educational institutions. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1065 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to public higher education.

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 or the General Laws is hereby amended by striking section
2 15C.

3 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
4 contrary, the Office of State Comptroller shall not charge any public college or university a fee
5 for processing checks that go through HR/CMS.

6 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation Public
7 Institutions of Higher Education may elect to pay its payroll tax from either local funds or its
8 state appropriation.

9 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary Foundations
10 established for the benefit of public colleges and universities may enter into any lease
11 agreements permitted by law.

12 SECTION 5. Section 4 of Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1960 is hereby amended by
13 striking out paragraph (n) and inserting in place thereof the following:--

14 (n) To invest any funds held by it pending disbursement in such investments as may be
15 legal investments for funds of the commonwealth or any fiduciary in the commonwealth.

16 SECTION 6. Section 15E of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as amended by section 26
17 of chapter 189 of the acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and
18 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

19 “Subject to appropriation, the commonwealth shall contribute funds to each institution's
20 recognized foundation in an amount necessary to match private contributions in the current fiscal
21 year to the institutions or a foundation's endowment or capital outlay program based on the
22 following matching formula: subject to appropriation, the commonwealth's contribution shall be
23 equal to \$1 for every \$2, or \$1 for the greater number of dollars established by the board of
24 higher education, privately contributed to the university's board of trustees or a foundation; \$1
25 for every \$2, or \$1 dollar for such greater number of dollars as may be established by the board
26 of higher education, privately contributed to each state university's board of trustees or
27 foundation; and \$1 for every \$2, or \$1 for such greater number of dollars as may be established
28 by the board of higher education, privately contributed to each community college's board of
29 trustees or foundation.”

30 SECTION 7. Said section 15E of chapter 15A shall be further amended by striking the
31 fourth paragraph.