HOUSE . . . . No. 1049

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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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 performance-based funding for the public system of higher education.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Bradford R. Hill	*4th Essex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Shawn Dooley	*9th Norfolk*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1049) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study concerning performance-based funding for public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1069* OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act relative to performance-based funding for the public system of 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. As used in this section, the term "performance-based funding" shall refer to

2 the calculated appropriation of funding to public institutions of higher learning based upon the

3 achievement of specific metrics of the performance measurement system, as detailed in section

4 7A of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition.

5   SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a

6 special commission to study and report on ways to improve and increase funding formulas for

7 the public system of higher education within the commonwealth. The commission shall consist

8 of the commissioner of higher education; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom

9 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority

10 leader of the house; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate

11 president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; and 3 members to

12 represent public institutions of higher education. Of the 3 members chosen to represent public

13 institutions of higher education, 1 shall be a member of the board of trustees of the University of

14 Massachusetts as voted by the board of trustees for the university, 1 shall be a member of a board

15 of trustees of a state university chosen by vote of the chairs of the board of trustees of each of the

16 state universities, and 1 shall be a member of a board of trustees of a community college chosen

17 by vote of the chairs of the board of trustees of each of the community colleges. The scope of the

18 commission shall include, but shall not be limited to: studying the various methods of

19 performance-based funding at public institutions of higher education throughout the United

20 States; researching the results of performance-based funding throughout the United States;

21 incentivizing the retention, support, and graduation of students, instead of enrollment of students,

22 at each level of the public system of higher education; increasing the performance-based funding

23 levels to public institutions of higher education; updating the mission statements and goals of

24 individual institutions at each level of the public system of higher education; and revising the

25 performance measurement system, to reflect the individual missions and goals of each institution

26 and ensure that performance-based funding is allocated appropriately.

27   SECTION 3. The performance-based funding formula of this act shall be effective

28 beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.