

HOUSE No. 1217

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth I. Gordon

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 higher education transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>

<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaiame Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>

Tommy Vitolo

15th Norfolk

Thomas P. Walsh

12th Essex

Timothy R. Whelan

1st Barnstable

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By Mr. Gordon of Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1217) of Kenneth I. Gordon and others for legislation to require the annual filing of fiscal health and stability reports by certain colleges and universities. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to higher education transparency.

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 16 of chapter 15A of the General Laws is amended by inserting the following
2 section:

3 Section 4B. The Board of Higher Education shall require all Massachusetts colleges and
4 universities that are authorized to issue associates degrees and/or bachelor’s degrees, public and
5 private, (“Institution”) to produce annually a report on their fiscal health and stability. The
6 Board of Higher Education shall issue regulations, determine the process for submitting said
7 report, and establish deadlines. Failure to submit such report by the date due shall result in a
8 \$100 per day fine. Said report shall include at least the following: size of endowment; size of
9 annual operating budget; percentage of administration that has resigned or been terminated in the
10 past year; percentage of annual operating budget spent on teacher and faculty compensation;
11 breakdown of teachers and faculty identifying numbers of those with tenure, on tenure track, and
12 numbers employed as full-time, salaried contingent faculty, part-time, salaried contingent

13 faculty, adjunct faculty, and graduate student instructors, as well as additional breakdowns for
14 each category identifying how many teach online; disclosure of any plans that have been
15 presented to any formal panel within the Institution to close programs or majors that could affect
16 incoming classes; faculty to student ratio, including any changes in this ratio from the previous
17 year; in-class course hours per course credit, including any changes in this ratio from the
18 previous year; tuition, fees, and other costs for students; graduation rate; transfer rate; and other
19 data as determined by the Board of Higher Education. The Board of Higher Education shall
20 make this information available on its website and in other formats.