HOUSE No. 01246

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven M. Walsh	11th Essex
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk

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By Mr. Steven M. Walsh of Lynn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01246) of Linda Dorcena Forry and Steven M. Walsh establishing a tuition-free program within the Board of Higher Education for teachers and paraprofessionals. Joint Committee on Higher Education.

> [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE O HOUSE , NO. 1177 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals.

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 19 of Chapter 15A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2008

2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 The Board of Higher Education shall institute, in conjunction with the Board of Education, a

4 program to allow any public school teacher or paraprofessional presently working in the

5 Commonwealth to attend courses at public institutions of Higher Education in the

6 Commonwealth at no tuition cost.