

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1325**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey and Paul W. Mark***

*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 committing to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2021</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/4/2021</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>

<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Daniel R. Carey</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>3/5/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Paul F. Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/12/2021</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>

<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>4/13/2021</i>

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1325**

By Messrs. Garballey of Arlington and Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1325) of Sean Garballey, Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to provide adequate funding for the Commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act committing to higher education the resources to insure a strong and healthy public higher education system.

*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 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 15 the following section:-

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4 Section 15A. It is the intention of the general court to assure fair and adequate funding  
5 for the commonwealth’s public institutions of higher education by assuring that the total  
6 appropriation to fund all colleges and universities equals, at a minimum, the per-student amount  
7 of funding in effect in fiscal year 2001, as adjusted for inflation and further adjusted for changes  
8 in student population and to recognize those institutions’ fixed-costs, with the appropriation  
9 maintained at that level thereafter. Notwithstanding section 15B or any other general or special  
10 law tp the contrary, the annual budget request for the public institutions of higher education shall  
11 be determined by the council and the secretary in accordance with this section for the University

12 of Massachusetts, the state university system, the community college system, and needs-based  
13 financial assistance administered by the council under section 9B; provided, that in order to  
14 achieve equity for students and workers, the council shall allocate state appropriations to  
15 individual public colleges and universities in a manner which enhances support for campuses  
16 with greater percentages of low-income students in order to provide necessary support services;  
17 establishes tuition and fees in order to allow students to graduate debt free; emphasizes full-time  
18 over part-time employment as well as fair wages and benefits for all adjunct faculty and staff;  
19 realigns resources toward teaching, research, and student supports; supports the full curricular  
20 offerings and research endeavors appropriate to each institution; provides up-to-date technology  
21 and other resources for student learning; and prioritizes public operation of our public campuses  
22 over privatization; provided further, that the council shall annually report the details of the  
23 funding distribution to the governor and to the house and senate committees on ways and means  
24 and the joint committee on higher education; and provided further, that notwithstanding section  
25 7H of chapter 29 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the  
26 governor shall submit to the general court annually a request for an appropriation based on the  
27 above principles.

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29 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the council  
30 shall establish a 5-year schedule, beginning in fiscal year 2022, to restore the level of funding of  
31 public institutions of higher education and needs-based financial assistance developed under  
32 section 15B to no less than the total per student appropriation for fiscal year 2001, adjusted for  
33 inflation to the current fiscal year using the consumer price index for all urban consumers, U.S.  
34 city average, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, and further adjusted

35 for changes in student population and adjusted to recognize those institutions' fixed-costs.  
36 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the budget request to the secretary of  
37 administration and finance for the system of institutions of public higher education and needs-  
38 based financial assistance developed under section 15B shall be not less than the amount  
39 determined by said schedule, and, in fiscal year 2026 and following, shall not be less than the  
40 total per-student appropriation for fiscal year 2001 as so adjusted under section 15A of chapter  
41 15A of the General Laws and this section. The council shall submit its annual budget request to  
42 the secretary of administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means  
43 and the joint committee on higher education.

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45 (b) Notwithstanding section 7H of chapter 29 of the General Laws or any other general or  
46 special law to the contrary, effective for fiscal years starting in fiscal year 2022, the governor  
47 shall submit to the general court annually a request for an appropriation that complies with the  
48 funding requirements of this section and section 15A of chapter 15A of the General Laws. Said  
49 appropriation request shall not propose any direct or indirect reductions in any other state  
50 appropriation including, but not limited to, collective bargaining agreements under chapter 150E  
51 of the General Laws, and scholarships and need-based financial assistance authorized by chapter  
52 15A of the General Laws.

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54 SECTION 3. For the fiscal years 2022 through 2026, no tuition or fees shall increase for  
55 students enrolled at public institution of higher education in any fiscal year where the

56 appropriation for public institutions of higher education is at least the amount requested by the  
57 council as provided in section 15 of chapter 15A of the General Laws.