

HOUSE No. 1920

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 the cost of veteran higher education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>

<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1920) of James Arciero and others for legislation to provide a waiver of fees to veterans at public institutions of higher learning. Veterans and Federal Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3126 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the cost of veteran 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

2 Section 19 of chapter 15A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition
3 is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof, the following words:

4 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
5 contrary, the commonwealth shall provide a full waiver of fees to all veterans, armed forces
6 personnel and members of the National Guard at all public institutions of higher learning located
7 in the commonwealth. The recipient of the fee waiver shall be a Massachusetts resident, and
8 provided further that for veterans, there shall be no post-service time limitation on the use of said

9 benefit. The waiver recipient may attend full-time or part-time and the benefit may be used for
10 study at the undergraduate and/or graduate levels. This law shall take effect January 1, 2018.