

HOUSE No. 2537

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

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 creating a tax credit for undergraduate tuition.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Rhonda Nyman</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2537) of Claire D. Cronin and others for legislation to create a tax credit for undergraduate tuition. Revenue.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to creating a tax credit for undergraduate tuition.

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. Section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following subsection:-

3 (t)(1) As used in this subsection, the following words shall have the following meaning:-

4 “Allowable college tuition expenses”, the amount of qualified college tuition expenses of
5 eligible students paid by the taxpayer during the taxable year, limited to \$20,000 for each such
6 student.

7 “Eligible institution of higher education”, an institution which: (a) is described in section
8 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. section 1088, as in effect on the date of the
9 enactment of this subsection; and (b) which is eligible to participate in a program under Title IV
10 of such Act.

11 “Eligible student”, the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse and any dependent of the taxpayer
12 who qualifies as a dependent for whom the taxpayer is allowed an exemption under this chapter
13 and section 151 of the Code for the taxable year.

14 “Qualified college tuition expenses”, the tuition required for the enrollment or attendance
15 of an eligible student at an eligible institution of higher education for each student; provided,
16 however, that tuition payments made pursuant to the receipt of any scholarships or financial aid,
17 or tuition required for enrollment or attendance in a course of study leading to the granting of a
18 post baccalaureate or other graduate degree, shall be excluded from the definition of “qualified
19 college tuition expenses”.

20 (2) A resident taxpayer may claim a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter. The
21 amount of the credit provided under this subsection shall be equal to the applicable percentage of
22 the lesser of allowable college tuition expenses or \$5,000. Such applicable percentage shall be:
23 (a) 25 per cent for taxable years beginning in 2013; (b) 50 per cent for taxable years beginning in
24 2014; (c) 75 per cent for taxable years beginning in 2015; and (d) 100 per cent for taxable years
25 beginning after 2016.

26 (3) The credit shall be available only if the taxpayer's gross income does not exceed
27 \$90,000 for a single individual or head of a household and \$180,000 for a married couple filing a
28 joint return.

29 SECTION 2. The provisions of section 1 of this act shall be applicable to tax years
30 commencing after December 31, 2012.