

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2599**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas A. Golden, Jr.*

*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 establishing a special commission to study proposals to incentivize and allow the University of Massachusetts at Lowell to provide business growth services to certain companies in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2599) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to proposals to incentivize and authorize the University of Massachusetts at Lowell to provide business growth services to certain companies. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3504 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to establishing a special commission to study proposals to incentivize and allow the University of Massachusetts at Lowell to provide business growth services to certain companies in the commonwealth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of  
2 the General Laws to study and investigate the feasibility and efficacy of authorizing and  
3 directing the University of Massachusetts at Lowell to sell and distribute \$1,000,000 annually in  
4 tax credits. The commission shall consist of 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of  
5 whom shall be the house chair of the joint committee on economic development and emerging  
6 technologies, 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the joint  
7 committee on economic development and emerging technologies, the commissioner of revenue  
8 or a designee, the chancellor of the University of Massachusetts at Lowell or a designee, the

9 commissioner of housing and community development or a designee and 4 members to be  
10 appointed by the governor. The members of the commission may elect a member to serve as  
11 chair. As part of its study and investigation, the commission shall analyze and determine: (1)  
12 whether authorizing and directing the university to sell such tax credits would provide the  
13 university with the ability to offer business growth services to businesses in the commonwealth  
14 that employ 75 people or less; and (2) if a market for such tax credits exist.