

HOUSE No. 3428

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 to promote college success in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>James Arciero</i> | <i>2nd Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i> | <i>16th Essex</i> |
| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3428) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to establish a college and career success program. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to promote college success in the commonwealth.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a college and career success program, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 45. The department shall establish and implement a college and career success
3 program to address the shortfall in the number of public college graduates required to meet the
4 commonwealth’s future needs for a highly educated workforce and the need to close the
5 achievement gap between all Massachusetts students and low-income and minority students.

6 The department shall establish guidelines by which the superintendent of a city, town or
7 regional school district participating under this section, may prepare and submit to the
8 department for its approval, a plan for college and career programs to integrate college and
9 career readiness. The plan shall be submitted jointly with an accredited 2 or 4-year college or

10 university in the commonwealth along with any relevant non-profit partner who shall receive
11 funds to implement said program.

12 A proposal submitted to the department shall demonstrate the ability to provide a 50 per
13 cent match to funds distributed through the program. Proposals must have incorporated external
14 evaluation to demonstrate impact in order to access program funds in subsequent years, subject
15 to appropriation. School districts that participate in the program shall make available to the
16 public all relevant data that is available to measure post-secondary completion and persistence.

17 The department shall establish rules and regulations governing the implementation and
18 administration of the college and career success program.