

HOUSE No. 3655

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 requiring written notice to students of the processes available for addressing sexual assault.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>

<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Andres X. Vargas</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3655) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to written notice of the processes available for addressing sexual assault at certain institutions of higher education . Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act requiring written notice to students of the processes available for addressing sexual assault.

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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 168C the
2 following section:-

3 168D. Each public or private degree-granting post-secondary institution of higher
4 education shall disclose in writing to any student or employee upon matriculation or employment
5 and upon a student or employee reporting an incident of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating
6 violence or stalking to the institution, that the student or employee has a right to utilize
7 concurrently the institution’s process for investigating sexual assault, domestic violence, dating
8 violence or stalking complaints and any external civil or criminal processes available to them.
9 The institution shall post such written notice of rights in conspicuous locations across campus,
10 including but not limited to the dormitory halls and restrooms.

- 11 If an institution is found to have violated this section, the institution shall be punished by
- 12 a fine of not less than \$25,000 for each such violation.