

HOUSE No. 3794

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher Richard Flanagan

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 higher education incentives for municipal employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>

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By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3794) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to higher education incentives for certain municipal employees. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to higher education incentives for municipal employees.

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 inserting after section 19E the
2 following section:-

3 Section 19F. Subject to appropriation, a municipal employee, as defined in section 1 of
4 chapter 268A, shall be eligible for any tuition benefit reimbursement program available to an
5 employee of the commonwealth, based on their employment by the commonwealth, at an
6 institution that is part of the system of public institutions of higher education listed in the first
7 paragraph of section 5. The tuition benefit program shall only be available to a municipal
8 employee who otherwise meets the eligibility requirements applicable to an employee of the
9 commonwealth.

10 Consistent with the provisions of this section, the board of higher education may establish
11 general guidelines and regulations for the application and administration this section.