

HOUSE No. 3950

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act allowing public higher education institutions to retain in-state 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. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 44 the following section:

3 Section 45. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all tuition
4 received by the boards of trustees of the state universities and community colleges paid by
5 students who reside in the state shall be retained by the respective board of trustees in a
6 revolving trust fund or funds and shall be expended as the administration of the institution
7 directs. Any balance in the trust funds at the close of the fiscal years shall be available for
8 expenditures in subsequent fiscal years and shall not revert to the General Fund. For any
9 employees of the state universities and the community colleges who are paid from tuition
10 retained pursuant to this section, fringe benefits shall be funded as if those employees' salaries
11 were supported by state appropriations. This section shall apply only to fringe benefits
12 associated with salaries paid from tuition retained by the boards of trustees of the state
13 universities and the community colleges as a direct result of the implementation of this section.