

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 481**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Higgins*

*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 fund a more affordable public higher education system in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to establish a fund to be known as the education fund. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3553 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to fund a more affordable public higher education system in Massachusetts.

*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 23K of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 64 and  
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a fund to be  
4 known as the Education Fund. The fund shall be credited any monies transferred under section  
5 59 and all monies credited to or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source.

6 Expenditures from the fund shall be subject to appropriation; provided, however, that 35 per cent  
7 of the funds shall be appropriated to the Finish Line Grant Program established in section 16 of  
8 chapter 15A; and provided further, that any expenditures from the fund for K-12 education shall  
9 be used to supplement, and not offset, any reduction in line-item 7061-0008 of the general  
10 appropriation act from the previous fiscal year's general appropriation act.