

SENATE No. 1701

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 public higher education collective bargaining funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul W. Mark

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and
Hampshire*

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By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1701) of Paul W. Mark for legislation relative to public higher education collective bargaining funding. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to public higher education collective bargaining funding.

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. Section 6 of chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following paragraph:-

3 The operating budget in the current and ensuing fiscal years shall include the
4 appropriation necessary to fund all incremental cost items for all years covered by any collective
5 bargaining agreement to which either the board of trustees of the university of Massachusetts or
6 the board of higher education is a party, separate and apart from any appropriation for the
7 general maintenance of the university or public institutions of higher education where the board
8 of higher education is the employer for purposes of collective bargaining under chapter 150E,
9 excluding grant funded and auxiliary enterprises accounts funded positions.

10 SECTION 2. Section 8 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
11 inserting after the words “and authorities”, in line 106, the following words:- , but not including

12 Massachusetts public institutions of higher education employees paid for by student fees, tuition
13 or state appropriation.

14 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 8 of chapter 32A of the General Laws or any other
15 general or special law to the contrary, the cost of fringe benefits, including, but not limited to, the
16 cost of pensions and health insurance, associated with employees of a public institution of higher
17 education as defined in section 5 of chapter 15A, shall be the obligation of the commonwealth,
18 excluding grant funded and auxiliary enterprises accounts funded positions.