

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00568**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing community colleges to borrow for capital spending needs.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James B. Eldridge*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Worcester*

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By Mr. Eldridge, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 568) of Eldridge for legislation to authorize community colleges to borrow for capital spending needs [Joint Committee on Higher Education].

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act authorizing community colleges to borrow for capital spending needs.

*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 1 of chapter 703 of the acts of 1963, as most recently amended by  
2 section 78 of chapter 189 of the acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (h)  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

4 (h)“State college,” any of the public institutions of higher education in the state university  
5 segment or the community college segment established by section 5 of chapter 15A of the  
6 General Laws.

7 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 703, as most recently amended by section 24 of  
8 chapter 120 of the acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence and  
9 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- "If such report indicates that there is an  
10 insufficiency of funds available to pay debt service, or if, in the absence of a report, the  
11 comptroller ascertains that there is such an insufficiency, the comptroller shall, within 5 days, but

12 not later than the date specified in said section 18A, transfer amounts from the appropriation  
13 account of one or more state colleges, as appropriate, to cure such insufficiency."

14 SECTION 3. The first sentence of section 18A of said chapter 703, as most recently  
15 amended by section 25 of chapter 120 of the acts of 2009, is hereby amended by striking out the  
16 words “, and amounts described in clause (ii) shall be used only to prevent a default by the  
17 Authority in connection with indebtedness incurred by the Authority on behalf of the applicable  
18 state college”.