

SENATE No. 599

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 Relative to the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Berkshire, Hampshire and Franklin

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE JOHN AND ABIGAIL ADAMS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

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 16 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the eleventh paragraph the following
3 paragraph:-

4 There shall be a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program to provide up to a four
5 year waiver of tuition at the University of Massachusetts or at any of the nine state and fifteen
6 community colleges to students who scored in the Advanced category in the English Language
7 Arts or Math section on the grade 10 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System
8 (MCAS) and in the Advanced or Proficient category on the other section; those students
9 awarded tuition must graduate from a Massachusetts public high school and must be a
10 Massachusetts resident; provided further that eligible students must be enrolled full-time during
11 qualifying years of said waiver and must complete their college studies within six years of the
12 date from which they graduate from high school; provided further that eligible students must
13 maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0; The Council shall adopt regulations
14 governing said program which shall include but not be limited to eligibility requirements
15 referenced above and selection criteria.