

SENATE No. 675

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 containing fee increases at the University of Massachusetts and state universities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	
<i>Rady Mom</i>	<i>18th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 675) of Eileen M. Donoghue and Rady Mom for legislation relative to fees at community colleges and state universities. Higher Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 660 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act containing fee increases at the University of Massachusetts and state universities.

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 22 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby be amended, in line 14, by inserting after the word “process.” the
3 following:-

4 “In any fiscal year during which 50 per cent of a state university’s operating costs are
5 funded through state appropriations and 100 per cent of its collective bargaining obligations are
6 funded through state appropriations, the state university shall not increase its fees. Each state
7 university may petition for an increase with the board of higher education, and in contemplating
8 approval, the board shall consider the quality of the educational programs offered at the
9 community college or state university as well as the burden that the increase would impose on
10 students.”

11 SECTION 2. Section 1A of chapter 75 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 79, by striking out the word “auditor;” and inserting
13 in place thereof the following:-

14 “auditor. In any fiscal year during which 50 per cent of the University of Massachusetts’
15 costs are funded through state appropriations and 100 per cent of its collective bargaining
16 obligations are funded through state appropriations, the University of Massachusetts shall not
17 increase its fees. The University of Massachusetts may petition for an increase with the board of
18 higher education, and in contemplating approval, the board shall consider the quality of the
19 educational programs offered at the community college or state university as well as the burden
20 that the increase would impose on students;”