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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Candaras, Gale (SEN)**

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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 relative to certain mergers and acquisitions.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Candaras, Gale (SEN) | First Hampden and Hampshire |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00720 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to certain mergers and acquisitions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 1A the following section:--

Section 1B. No merger or contract with or acquisition of any institution of higher learning or any department thereof by the board of trustees shall become effective or have force until it shall be approved by being enacted by the general court and the governor.