

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**John W. Scibak**

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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 the John and Abigail Adams scholarship program.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1195 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### 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 31. Section 16 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the ninth paragraph the following paragraph:-

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4           There shall be a John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program, administered by the Board of Higher  
5 Education, providing for four years of tuition at the University of Massachusetts or at any of the nine  
6 state and 15 community colleges to students who scored in the Advanced category of the  
7 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) on one test and the Proficient or Advanced  
8 category on the other test and who scored in the highest 25 percent in their district or in the highest 25  
9 percent of all students taking the test by the end of their junior year; and, in addition, those students in  
10 the top 10 per cent in their district or in the highest 10 percent of all students taking the test by the end  
11 of the junior year shall receive a waiver for \$2,000 to offset the cost of campus fees. Those students  
12 awarded tuition must complete their college studies in four years or less and maintain at least a 3.0  
13 grade point average. Those students awarded tuition plus the \$2,000 fee waiver must complete their  
14 college studies in four years or less and maintain at least a 3.3 grade point average. The Board of Higher  
15 Education shall establish guidelines relating to the program, including an audit procedure to ensure that  
16 institutions are in compliance with such guidelines. The Board of Higher Education shall verify the  
17 amount of tuition and fee revenue, as applicable, that should be reimbursed to campuses for students

18 participating in the program. Said amount for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program shall be  
19 subject to appropriation.