

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marie P. St. Fleur

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 to promote educational parity within institutions of higher learning .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Marie P. St. Fleur	5th Suffolk
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex
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Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire

Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1197 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL PARITY WITHIN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING .

*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 9 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 52 of
2 chapter 26 of the Acts of 2003, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of
4 determining eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education,
5 except the University of Massachusetts Medical School, any individual, other than a non-
6 immigrant alien within the meaning of paragraph 15 of subsection (a) of Section 1101 of Title 8
7 of the United States Code, who has attended high school in the commonwealth for 3 or more
8 years and has achieved graduation from a high school in the commonwealth or attained the
9 equivalent thereof, shall be eligible for in-state tuition rates and fees at the University of
10 Massachusetts, or any state or community college. No person qualified for in-state tuition rates
11 and fees under this chapter shall be denied such in-state tuition and fees as a result of the

12 granting of eligibility under this paragraph. In the case of an individual who is not a citizen or
13 permanent resident of the United States, the individual shall provide the University of
14 Massachusetts, or the state or community college with an affidavit stating that the individual has
15 filed an application to become a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, or shall file
16 an application at the earliest opportunity the individual is eligible to do so.