

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Richard T. Moore**

*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 Qualifying Student Health Insurance Program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFYING STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE 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 18 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the section in its entirety and replacing it with the  
3 following:-

4 Section 18. Every full-time and part-time student enrolled in a public or independent institution  
5 of higher learning located in the commonwealth shall be required to have comprehensive health  
6 insurance coverage that meets the definition of "creditable coverage" as defined in section 1 of  
7 chapter 111M. For purposes of this section, "part-time student" shall mean a student  
8 participating in at least seventy-five percent of the full-time curriculum.

9 Any public or independent institution of higher learning failing to carry out its responsibilities  
10 under this section shall pay a penalty of \$1 per student for every day during which the failure  
11 continues. Any penalty collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the Health Safety  
12 Net Trust Fund established in section 57 of chapter 118E.

13 The division of insurance shall issue regulations to establish procedures to monitor compliance  
14 and to implement the provisions of this section.

15 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
16 Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) under the definition of "Creditable  
17 coverage" and replacing it with the following:-

18 (b) a health plan including, but not limited to, a health plan issued, renewed or delivered within  
19 or without the commonwealth to an individual who is enrolled in a qualifying student health  
20 program of another state;

21 SECTION 3. Section 1 of Chapter 176M of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
22 Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) under the definition of "Creditable  
23 coverage" and replacing it with the following:-

24 (b) a health plan, including, but not limited to, a health plan issued, renewed or delivered within  
25 or without the commonwealth to a natural person who is enrolled in a qualifying student health  
26 program of another state;

27 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
28 Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) under the definition of "Creditable  
29 coverage" and replacing it with the following:-

30 (b) a health plan, including, but not limited to, a health plan issued, renewed or delivered within  
31 or without the commonwealth to a natural person who is enrolled in a qualifying student health  
32 program of another state;