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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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:

An Act relative to performance-based funding for the public system of higher education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1069) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study concerning performance-based funding for public institutions of higher education. Higher Education.

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An Act relative to performance-based funding for the public system of higher education.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special commission to study and report on ways to improve and increase funding formulas for the public system of higher education within the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of: the commissioner of higher education; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate minority leader; and 3 members to represent public institutions of higher education. Of the 3 members chosen to represent public institutions of higher education, 1 shall be a member of the board of trustees of the University of Massachusetts as voted by the board of trustees for the university, 1 shall be a member of a board of trustees of a state university chosen by vote of the chairs of the board of trustees of each of the state universities, and 1 shall be a member of a board of trustees of a community college chosen by vote of the chairs of the board of trustees of each of the community colleges. The scope of the commission shall include, but shall not be limited to: studying the various methods of performance-based funding at public institutions of higher education throughout the United States; researching the results of performance-based funding throughout the United States; incentivizing the retention, support, and graduation of students, instead of enrollment of students, at each level of the public system of higher education; increasing the performance-based funding levels to public institutions of higher education; updating the mission statements and goals of individual institutions at each level of the public system of higher education; and revising the performance measurement system, to reflect the individual missions and goals of each institution and ensure that performance-based funding is allocated appropriately. The commission shall submit its findings and recommendations, along with legislation to effectuate the same, to the

24 board of higher education, the joint committee on higher education, and the senate and house
25 clerks no later than 6 months after the passage of this act.

26 As used in this section, the term “performance-based funding” shall refer to the
27 calculated appropriation of funding to public institutions of higher learning based upon the
28 achievement of specific metrics of the performance measurement system, as detailed in section
29 7A of chapter 15A of the General Laws.