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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 program approval.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	*2nd Suffolk*
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Paul Brodeur	*32nd Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Joseph F. Wagner	*8th Hampden*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*
Aaron Michlewitz	*3rd Suffolk*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1076) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for legislation to authorize certain private, nonprofit colleges or universities to offer or institute additional programs or degrees. Higher Education.

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An Act relative to program approval.

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. Section 30A of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:-

Notwithstanding the provisions or any general or special law to the contrary, a private, nonprofit college or university may offer or institute an additional program or degree if the college or university (1) has maintained a physical presence and operated continuously in the Commonwealth for the immediately preceding 10 years and (2) is accredited without sanction by New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Any such college or university that does not satisfy all of the provisions of this paragraph shall comply with the procedures and criteria established by the board of higher education.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.