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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gale D. Candaras

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:
Gale D. Candaras	*First Hampden and Hampshire*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
James T. Welch	*Hampden*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*
Joseph F. Wagner	*8th Hampden*
Katherine M. Clark	*Fifth Middlesex*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*

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By Ms. Candaras, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 575) of Gale D. Candaras, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Michael R. Knapik, James T. Welch and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to program approval at a private, nonprofit college or university . 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 of 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 the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Any such college or university that does not satisfy all of the provision 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