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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article 63 of the Massachusetts Constitution, I am vetoing Section 8 of H. 4996, "An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Ending June Thirtieth, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Two to Provide for Supplementing Certain Existing Appropriations and for Certain Other Activities and Projects," dated February 14, 1992.

Section 8 amends Section 46 of the Education Reform Act, St. 1991, c. 142. Section 46 requires the Secretary of Education in conjunction with the Higher Education Coordinating Council to develop a "tuition retention" plan. The amendment set forth in Section 8 of H. 4996 conditions the implementation of the entire plan on the approval of the General Court. Moreover, Section 8 contains no time period within which the Legislature must act. Section 8 thereby prevents the higher education system from efficiently planning their tuition and fee policies. It is for this reason that I am disapproving the amendment set forth in Section 8.

Respectfully submitted,

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