

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition of Daniel E. Bosley, Peter Forman, Peter J. Larkin, Shaun P. Kelly and Jane M. Swift that provision be made for optional fees for students at institutions of higher education. Education, Arts and Humanities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OPTIONAL STUDENT FEES.

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 is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end of clause (a) the following new paragraph: —
3 “Optional fee”, any amount payable on a student tuition bill,
4 but not a mandatory charge or waivable fee, appearing as a
5 separately assessed item, accompanied by a statement as to the
6 nature of said item and that said item is not a charge required
7 to be paid by the student but rather the student may add said
8 charge to the total amount due, and that said item appears on
9 the bill at the request of the student body and does not necessarily
10 reflect the endorsement of the board of trustees.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1F of chapter 73 is hereby amended by
2 striking the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following: —

4 Section 1F. The board of trustees shall not allow any funds for
5 legislative agents as defined in section thirty-nine of chapter three
6 or organizations attempting to influence legislation as defined in
7 section forty-four of said chapter three to be assessed on student
8 tuition bills; provided, however that optional fees for nonpartisan
9 organizations which employ said legislative agents or attempt to
10 influence legislation shall be collected by the board of trustees
11 whenever students have authorized an optional fee by a majority
12 vote of those students voting in an official student referendum.
13 Said optional fee shall be collected as provided in paragraph (b)
14 of section eighteen or chapter fifteen A.

