

**SENATE . . . . . No. 301**

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By Mr. Rosenberg, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 301) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Ellen Story for legislation relative to certain student services at the University of Massachusetts. Education, Arts and Humanities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN STUDENT SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 75 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 11A the following new section: —

3 Section 11B. (a) There shall be established a student-supported  
4 legal services office at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst,  
5 which shall be funded from the trust fund supported by student  
6 activities fees, as provided for in Section 11 of this chapter. The  
7 amount of funding for said office shall be determined each year  
8 by the duly elected official representatives of the undergraduate  
9 and graduate student bodies.

10 (b) The level, nature and scope of services to be provided by  
11 the legal services office shall be determined by the legal services  
12 governing board, consistent with the availability and amount of  
13 funding appropriated from trust funds by the undergraduate and  
14 graduate student governments. This board shall consist of five  
15 undergraduate students and three graduate students appointed by  
16 presidents of the undergraduate and graduate student govern-  
17 ments, respectively, and one faculty member and one administra-  
18 tor of the university. Members of the governing board shall be  
19 confirmed by said board, based upon their support for the  
20 provision of legal services to the students of the university. The  
21 board shall adopt bylaws consistent with this section for the  
22 conduct of its business.

23 (c) The trustees of the university or their designees shall provide  
24 the legal services office with funding and resources from the  
25 appropriate student-supported trust funds, in the amount  
26 appropriated by the undergraduate and graduate student  
27 governments, and shall administer said funds in a manner  
28 consistent with this and other laws of the commonwealth.

29 (d) The attorneys and staff of the legal services office shall be  
30 employees of the university and the commonwealth, as provided  
31 in this chapter, but shall be considered as official representatives  
32 of the student body as provided in section 11A of this chapter.  
33 The attorneys and staff shall not be subject to the requirements  
34 and restrictions of chapter 268A while acting within the scope of  
35 their employment as providers of legal services to eligible clients.