

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, House Bill No. 4004, entitled, "An Act Exempting Degree Granting Proprietary Institutions from the Law Permitting Students to Receive a Pro Rata Refund of Tuition if They Terminate Their Attendance Therein."

H. 4004 would exempt degree-granting proprietary institutions of higher education from the requirements that apply to all other proprietary institutions relating to pro-rata refunds of tuition for students who withdraw or terminate their studies.

I am not certain that I favor such a retreat from the protections for students that the current laws provide. But even if such legislation will become law, it should not apply to students who began their studies in such an institution before the legislation takes effect.

I therefore recommend that H. 4004 be amended by adding the following section:

SECTION 2. This act shall not apply to any student who began his studies at a proprietary school that has the authority to grant degrees before September 1, 1978.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor,
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

