

By Mr. Harold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 245) of Paul D. Harold, William B. Golden, Thomas F. Brownell and Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to designate public junior colleges as state related public community colleges. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT DESIGNATING PUBLIC JUNIOR COLLEGES AS STATE RELATED PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES.

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 78 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
 2 established by the following paragraphs: —
 3 Notwithstanding Chapter 71, Section 79 to the contrary
 4 effective January 1, 1987 all junior colleges sponsored by cities
 5 and towns will become state related community colleges under the
 6 general authority of the Board of Regents of Higher Education
 7 and with a Board of Trustees with responsibilities as outlined by
 8 Chapter 15A Sections 9 to 15. Such Board of Trustees will include
 9 the membership currently responsible for said junior colleges and
 10 seven members appointed by the Governor to five year terms,
 11 initially staffed as five years for two, three years for three and
 12 one year for two members chaired by a presiding officer as is the
 13 practice related to the particular junior college. Included on said
 14 Board of Trustees will be a student trustee elected annually by
 15 said college who is full-time and in good standing at said college.
 16 The College Board of Trustees shall meet at least monthly
 17 beginning in July 1987 in the normal conduct of college business
 18 and direction as outlined in accordance with Chapter 15A
 19 Sections 9 to 15.
 20 Notwithstanding Chapter 313 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981,
 21 the Board of Trustees of said state-related community colleges
 22 shall conduct all financial responsibilities in common practice

23 with those policies and procedures established by the Common-
24 wealth as applied to the particular city or town and shall review
25 and approve budget plans and expenditures as offered by the
26 President of said college. All state funds so allocated will be
27 maintained exclusively for the purpose or purposes so allocated
28 and an annual audit report shall be submitted to the Board of
29 Regents of Higher Education within one hundred and twenty days
30 after the close of the books each fiscal year, in addition to other
31 submissions as required by Chapter 313 of the Acts and Resolves
32 of 1981, or the Board of Regents of Higher Education.

33 Annually the Commonwealth will provide to such state related
34 community college an amount of \$1,650. per full-time equivalent
35 day student and the colleges shall not charge less than \$1,000 in
36 tuition charge per full-time equivalent day student not to exceed
37 annual state support for 1,375 full-time equivalent day students.
38 The Board of Trustees of each college shall annually set required
39 fees for said college which shall be maintained separate from state
40 allocated funds. Each year the Board of Regents of Higher
41 Education shall review the allocation to be provided such state
42 related community colleges as recommended by the College Board
43 of Trustees and may request an amount in the higher education
44 budget request the exceeds the minimum of \$1,650. per full-time
45 equivalent day student based on economic conditions and
46 circumstances at the time.

47 The sponsoring city or town will continue to provide suitable
48 facilities for said state related community colleges. Upon
49 enactment of this law all such facilities shall be eligible to receive
50 state capital funds for improvement, renovation and expansion
51 when title to said property has been transferred to the state for
52 perpetual use as an educational facility for said state related
53 community colleges exclusively. The Board of Higher Education
54 may annually request sufficient funds to improve, renovate and
55 expand said property or buildings or purchase additional property
56 or construct additional space.