

SENATE No. 1700

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on the campuses of state colleges, community colleges and state universities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul R. Feeney

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bristol and Norfolk

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1700) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on the campuses of state colleges, community colleges and state universities. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1522 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on the campuses of state colleges, community colleges and state universities.

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 9 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following new subsection after subsection (gg):-

3 (hh) In order to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff on college campuses, the
4 council shall have the power to require the issuance of firearms and any other safety equipment it
5 deems necessary to campus police officers employed by the commonwealth and working on the
6 campuses of state colleges, community colleges and universities. The decision to issue firearms
7 and other safety equipment shall be binding regardless of any past or future vote to the contrary
8 by a board of trustees.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 15A is further amended in Section 22 by inserting the following in
10 the first sentence after the word authority:- "except in matters related to public safety on campus
11 pursuant to subsection (hh) in Section 9 of this chapter".