



The Campaign for Education Opportunity



Support Education Opportunity for High Achieving Students!

Support HB1175 and SB603!

THE PROBLEM: Every year the Commonwealth punishes long-term, high achieving undocumented students and denies itself additional revenue, knowledge and skills. They are good kids, who have done nothing wrong themselves, have attended school in Massachusetts for years, have often lived here most of their lives, and have proven their commitment to academic achievement and our state.

THE SOLUTION: Education opportunity legislation (H.1175/S.603) will allow long-term, high achieving undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates and gain access to higher education, while contributing an estimated \$2.5 million in additional revenue to the state.

WHAT DOES THE BILL DO: Education opportunity legislation would allow undocumented students to pay in-state tuition rates if they meet ALL of the following requirements: 1) attended a MA high school for at least three years; 2) received their diploma from a MA high school; 3) promise to pursue a pathway to citizenship when one becomes available; and 4) received an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) to confirm that they are paying taxes (*S.603*).

The bill is not a handout. It **DOES NOT** provide free tuition. It **DOES NOT** allow undocumented students to qualify for state or federal financial aid. It **DOES NOT** allow undocumented students to receive scholarships.

WHY SHOULD WE PASS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY NOW?

- Education opportunity generates \$2.5 million in additional revenue for the Commonwealth.
- The status quo punishes good kids who have done everything that has been asked of them, and it starves the Commonwealth by denying it additional revenue, knowledge, and skills.
- Education opportunity legislation does not impact who applies to and is accepted by state and community colleges.
- It is inexcusable that the nation's most revered academic state has fallen behind Texas, Utah and Oklahoma in realizing the potential of all its residents.
- Education opportunity legislation only affects 300-400 high-achieving students, or a fraction of 1% of total state college enrollment, who want to pay into the state college system.

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