



MA HUNGER FREE CAMPUS COALITION

Please co-sponsor the Hunger Free Campus Initiative (S.835/H.1293)

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- **37% of public college students are food insecure**, with disproportionate impacts on Black, Latinx, LGBTQ students, and student parents. **Only 20% are enrolled in SNAP.**
- High costs of food, gas, and housing are choking students' budgets. Investments in nutrition and basic needs security have never been more essential to student success.

The Hunger Free Campus Initiative (S.835 / H.1293) creates a grant program at DHE to support MA state and community colleges & minority-serving institutions to end food insecurity on campus, including:

- notifying students of eligibility for federal food assistance benefits (SNAP, WIC)
- establishing on-campus EBT-SNAP vendors and meal-sharing programs
- funding for SNAP enrollment staff
- creating awareness and anti-stigma campaigns

We need to remove hunger as an obstacle to successful college graduation and ensure that critical workforces like healthcare, education, and social services can operate at capacity in MA.



Help us build momentum on our FY24 State Budget \$1M victory! Our goal is to ensure ALL of our MA public and minority serving colleges can address food insecurity.

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