

**DISCLOSURE OF APPEARANCE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 23(b)(3)**

	PUBLIC EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
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	<p>In my capacity as a state, county or municipal employee, I am expected to take certain actions in the performance of my official duties. Under the circumstances, a reasonable person could conclude that a person or organization could unduly enjoy my favor or improperly influence me when I perform my official duties, or that I am likely to act or fail to act as a result of kinship, rank, position or undue influence of a party or person.</p> <p>I am filing this disclosure to disclose the facts about this relationship or affiliation and to dispel the appearance of a conflict of interest.</p>
	APPEARANCE OF FAVORITISM OR INFLUENCE
Describe the issue that is coming before you for action or decision.	On October 30, 2019, the Senate will be considering S2387, An Act to support improved financial stability in higher education. The act establishes a training requirement for boards of trustees of public institutions of higher education, including education on the open meeting law, the ethics law and fiduciary responsibilities, and a process to address an institution's risk of imminent closure. It also requires the posting of an institution's financial report on its website.
What responsibility do you have for taking action or making a decision?	I will be taking votes on amendments to the bill as well as on final passage of the bill itself.
Explain your relationship or affiliation to the person or organization.	I have been hired by Bridgewater State University to serve as its Director of Regional Partnerships and will be leaving the Senate soon to take that position. Bridgewater State University is an institution of higher education that will be impacted by provisions of the bill.
How do your official actions or decision matter to the person	Bridgewater State University may have a perspective on this legislation.

or organization?	
Optional: Additional facts – e.g., why there is a low risk of undue favoritism or improper influence.	S2387 is general legislation and does not impact my finances or affect the role that I will be taking at Bridgewater State University. I have also not discussed the substance of this legislation or its amendments with the University and my votes will not be affected by my new role.
If you cannot confirm this statement, you should recuse yourself.	WRITE AN X TO CONFIRM THE STATEMENT BELOW. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taking into account the facts that I have disclosed above, I feel that I can perform my official duties objectively and fairly.
Employee signature:	<i>Vinny deMacedo</i>
Date:	10/30/19

Attach additional pages if necessary.

Not elected to your public position – file with your appointing authority.

Elected state or county employees – file with the State Ethics Commission.

Members of the General Court – file with the House or Senate clerk or the State Ethics Commission.

Elected municipal employee – file with the City Clerk or Town Clerk.

Elected regional school committee member – file with the clerk or secretary of the committee.