

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 309) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the quality and accessibility of public higher education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE THAT PROVISIONS BE MADE FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY INTO THE QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY OF PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of four
 2 members of the senate, seven members of the house of repre-
 3 sentatives and ten persons to be appointed by the governor, is
 4 hereby established for the purposes of making an investigation
 5 and study of the quality and accessibility of public higher edu-
 6 cation since the higher education reorganization of nineteen
 7 hundred and eighty. Said commission shall, in the course of its
 8 investigation and study, consider the subject matter of current
 9 senate documents numbered 322, relative to the formula for
 10 establishing funding levels used by the board of regents for
 11 colleges and universities; 376, relative to allowing schools to
 12 withhold transcripts from defaulting students; 383, relative to
 13 fair information practices of institutions of public higher edu-
 14 cation; 395, relative to waiver of health insurance provided to
 15 students at state colleges and universities; 398, relative to allow-
 16 ing institutions of higher education the use of monies collected
 17 by them under continuing education programs; 403, requiring
 18 the board of regents to appoint, transfer, dismiss, promote,
 19 and award tenure where such authority to take said personnel
 20 actions is reserved to the board of regents in any collective
 21 bargaining agreements to which the board is a party; and of
 22 current house documents numbered 1028, relative to authoriz-

23 ing certain educators to serve on various higher education
24 boards; 1366, relative to the budgetary procedures for public
25 higher education; 1533, establishing a center for Irish studies
26 and providing for the promotion and study of the history,
27 literature and culture of the Irish and Irish-Americans at state
28 educational institutions; 1534, providing educational opportuni-
29 ties for part-time students; 2691, relative to health insurance
30 provided to students at state colleges and universities; 2866,
31 providing for state assistance to cooperative educational pro-
32 grams; 3993, relative to the establishment of implementation
33 boards to formulate plans for the consolidation of institutions
34 of higher education; 4164, relative to the admission of vocation
35 education graduates to public institutions of higher education;
36 4854, requiring degree granting institutions to promulgate rules
37 and regulations governing disciplinary actions; 4987, providing
38 that the board of regents of higher education include an alum-
39 nus of the University of Massachusetts.

40 Said commission may travel without the commonwealth, and
41 may call on officials of the board of regents of higher educa-
42 tion and the officials and administrators of the public higher
43 education institutions for information, advice and assistance.