

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 2008.

The committee on Higher Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 710) of Robert A. Antonioni and Stephen L. DiNatale for legislation to establish a working group on the McKay School at Fitchburg State College, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 711) of Brian J. Coppola for legislation relative to eliminating accessible handicapped on campus housing from any room lottery or meritocracy system that the college or university uses to place residential students into on campus housing, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 712) of Brian J. Coppola for legislation relative to increasing the penalties for hazing or harassing a disabled student for the sole purpose of gaining designated accessible housing for student(s) own use and purposes, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 718) of Stephen M. Brewer for legislation relative to extension programs at the University of Massachusetts, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 820) of Scott P. Brown, Richard R. Tisei, Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the waiving of fees for the declaration of homesteads for disabled veterans, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 722) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr. for legislation to establish a college collaborative in the city of Brockton, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 723) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Christine E. Canavan, Thomas P. Kennedy and Geraldine Creedon for legislation to designate the administration building at Massasoit Community College in Brockton as the Senator James F. Burke administration building, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 724) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to the rights of faculty members at the University of Massachusetts, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 726) of Michael R. Knapik, Gale D. Candaras, Benjamin Bracket Downing, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 728) of Richard T. Moore

and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a model of collaboration between the Commonwealth's public and independent colleges and universities, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 730) of Richard T. Moore, Michael R. Knapik and Jennifer M. Callahan for legislation relative to higher education workforce training, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 733) of Robert A. O'Leary for legislation establishing a writing proficiency examination for higher education, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 739) of Stanley C. Rosenberg, Robert O'Leary, and Steven Panagiotakos for legislation for a program of capital improvements to the public higher education system in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 742) of Bruce E. Tarr, Richard R. Tisei, Robert L. Hedlund and Anthony J. Verga for legislation relative to the development of a Northeastern Massachusetts Nursing Institute, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 512) of Alice Hanlon Peisch for legislation to restrict the Massachusetts Higher Education Consortium from charging a fee for providing qualified bidders with electronic bid information, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 546) of Tom Sannicandro and others that the Board of Education be required to provide Braille and electronic material to visually impaired students, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 563) of Stephen Stat Smith and Matthew C. Patrick for legislation to prohibit educational institutions from imposing surcharges on credit card payments, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1176) of James H. Fagan relative to revenue bonds issued by the Educational Facilities Authority, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1177) of James H. Fagan and others relative to student fees assessed by public institutions of higher education, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1179) of Frank M. Hynes relative to prohibiting the use of alcoholic beverages at state colleges and universities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1180) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to online higher education degree school programs, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1181) of Rachel Kaprielian and others for legislation to regulate gift-giving in providing for academic freedom in state colleges, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1187) of Stephen P. LeDuc for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the feasibility of establishing a technical college in the Commonwealth to be administered by vocational

schools, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1190) of Jeffrey Davis Perry and others that the Board of Higher Education be authorized to establish an academic bill of rights for public higher educational institutions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1192) of John F. Quinn and Stephen R. Canessa for legislation to provide for faculty representation on the Board of Trustees of the University of Massachusetts, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1193) of Tom Sannicandro and others to provide for annual review of the availability of college course materials for students who are visually impaired and students with disabilities, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1198) of Martin J. Walsh for legislation to designate the student center at the University of Massachusetts at Boston as the George V. Kenneally, Jr., Student Center and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3857) of Robert K. Coughlin relative to parental notification for hospitalized higher education students reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4679) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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In the Year Two Thousand and Eight.

1 *Ordered*, That the Committee on Higher Education be autho-
2 rized to sit during the recess of the General Court to make an
3 investigation and study of House documents numbered 512, 546,
4 563, 1176, 1177, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1187, 1190, 1192, 1193, 1198,
5 3857 and Senate documents numbered 710, 711, 712, 718, 720,
6 722, 723, 724, 726, 728, 730, 733, 739, and 742 relating to higher
7 education institutions.
8 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of
9 its investigation and study and its recommendations if, any,
10 together with the drafts of legislation necessary to carry such rec-
11 ommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the
12 House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2008.