

HOUSE No. 4298

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 16, 2016.

The committee on Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 328) of Thomas J. Calter relative to the rights of employees in education collaboratives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 337) of Tackey Chan and Colleen M. Garry relative to requiring food allergen certification in vocational schools; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 355) of James J. Dwyer and Michael S. Day relative to suspensions or expulsions of public school students; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 357) of Robert F. Fennell and others relative to dress codes in public schools; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 368) of Gloria L. Fox for legislation to establish a pilot program for the installation of silent alarms in public and private schools; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 369) of Paul K. Frost and others for legislation to protect the rights of students to express religious viewpoints; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 382) of Colleen M. Garry and others for legislation to require parental notification prior to the taking of student surveys in the public schools regarding personal or private issues; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 399) of Paul R. Heroux relative to establishing a pilot study grant award for strengths-based prevention of bullying events in schools with moderate to high rates of bullying events; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 421) of James M. Kelcourse relative to regional school out-of-district placements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to identify and review state laws, regulations and administrative directives that prescribe requirements for school districts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Tom Sannicandro, Marjorie C. Decker and Carolyn C. Dykema relative to the transportation and treatment of certain students who are suspended or expelled from school; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 496) of Benjamin

Swan and others relative to racial balance in the charter school educational system in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 502) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to the rights of certain expelled students to cross examine witnesses at the administrative hearing level; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 509) of Timothy R. Whelan and others for legislation to exempt regional school transportation funds from the Governor's ability to make reductions due to revenue deficiencies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 510) of Timothy R. Whelan and others relative to the regional school transportation reimbursement fund; reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4298) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

ALICE HANLON PEISCH.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Education be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 328, 337, 355,
3 357, 368, 369, 382, 399, 421, 456, 477, 496, 502, 509 and 510, relative to school climate, safety,
4 and student discipline and vocational technical education, collaboratives, and regional schools.

5 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
6 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
7 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
8 on or before December 31, 2016.