

HOUSE No. 3968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

Resolve [Title].

1 **Resolved**, A special commission is hereby established to investigate and study the
2 taxation, abatements, exemptions and payment in lieu of tax agreements between colleges and
3 universities and the commonwealth and municipalities. The commission will examine the
4 viability of taxing these institutions for real estate holdings and for taxation purposes or any
5 other amount for any equitable tax purpose.

6 The commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall consist of 7 members as
7 follows: the commissioner of the department of revenue, the president of the Massachusetts
8 municipal association, the president of the association of independent colleges and universities in
9 Massachusetts, a representative from the department of higher education, 1 member appointed by
10 the governor, 1 member appointed by the president of the senate and 1 member appointed by the
11 speaker of the house of representatives. The commission shall report to the general court the
12 results of its study together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations
13 into effect, by filing the same with the governor, the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house
14 of representatives on or before September 30, 2009.