## HOUSE . . . . . . . No. 3699

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 17, 2013.
The committee on Higher Education to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1087) of Walter F. Timilty and Thomas M. Stanley relative to an investigaton and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to high cost of college, reports recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 3699) ought to pass.

For the committee,
TOM SANNICANDRO.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolve establishing a special commission relative to reducing the costs associated with the purchase of college textbooks.

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$\mathfrak{A}$ special commission $\mathfrak{i s}$ bereby established to imbestigate and stuxy the college textbook industry. The investigation and stuxp shall incluxe, but not be limited to, examining the costs of purchasing textbooks and stuxy materials, rebiewing information concerning offering a choice of lower cost texts, such as soft couer, one color and digital texts, exploring the effectioe use of $\mathbb{E}$ textbooks, rebieming changes in editions and the cost sabings related to maintaining a current edition ouer purchasing the most recent edition, encouraging colleges to implement comprehensibe and controlled bup-back and book swap programs to reduce costs for students, providing incentibes to those schools that offer such programs and expanding the information available to purchasers of textbooks so that faculty and students alike are probided with a complete biew of all abailable textbooks for comparison purposes. The commission shall consist of 15 members as follows: the house chair of the joint committee on higher education, or a designee; the senate chair of the joint committee on higher education, or a destanee; the speaker of the house of representatioes, or a designee; the senate president, or a designex; the minority leader of the house, or a designee; the minority leader of the senate, or a designex; and 9 members to be appointed be the governor 1 of whom shall be from the $\mathfrak{A m i n e r s i t y}$ of $\mathfrak{f l l a s s a c h u s e t t s , ~} 1$ of whom shall from the Coumsil of
 $\mathfrak{C}$ ommunity $\mathbb{C o l l e g e s} \mathfrak{E}$ xecution $\mathfrak{O f f i c e}, 1$ of whom shatl be from the $\mathfrak{A s s o c i a t i o n ~ o f ~} \mathfrak{Z n}$ neppendent Colleges and Olnibersities in flassachusetts, 2 of whom shafl be representatioes of the college textbook publishing industry with offices in the commonwealth, 1 of whom shafl be a faculty member of a public higher education institution in the commonmealth, 1 of whom shall be a college librarian, and 1 of whom shatl be a student trustee of a public higher education institution in the commonmealth. The commission shatl report to the general court the results of its stuxy, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry suth recommendations into effect, be filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatioes on or before Tlecember 31, 2014.

