

HOUSE No. 3426

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian R. Mannel

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to examine the advertising and lending practices of for-profit schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian R. Mannel</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Mannal of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3426) of Brian R. Mannal for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the advertising and lending practices of for-profit schools doing business in the Commonwealth. Higher Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to examine the advertising and lending practices of for-profit schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 For purposes of this act, a “for-profit school” shall mean, an educational company doing
2 business to make a profit, commonly referred to as career college, private occupational school,
3 proprietary school, trade school or online university.

4 There shall be a special commission established pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of
5 the General Laws to study and investigate the advertising and lending practices of for-profit
6 schools doing business in the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of 2 members of the
7 house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, 2 members of the
8 senate, 1 of whom shall be nominated by the minority leader, the attorney general or a designee,
9 the secretary of education or a designee, the commissioner of higher education or a designee and
10 4 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a for-profit
11 school doing business in the commonwealth and 1 of whom shall be a student of a for-profit

12 school doing business in the commonwealth. The members of the commission may elect a
13 member to serve as chair. As part of its report, the commission shall include recommendations
14 for legislation aimed at protecting consumers from predatory lending and misleading advertising
15 practices of for-profit schools.