SENATE No. 2214

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 7, 2016

The committee on Higher Education, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 652) of Harriette L. Chandler, James J. O'Day and Daniel M. Donahue for legislation to expand UMMS class size and allow up to 25 non-Massachusetts residents; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 654) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Benjamin Swan, Kenneth J. Donnelly, Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to higher education opportunities for high school graduates in the Commonwealth; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 656) of Eileen M. Donoghue, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, James B. Eldridge, Edward F. Coppinger and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to codifying and reforming the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Program; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 666) of Linda Dorcena Forry, Sonia Chang-Diaz, Denise Provost, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the eligibility of students for in-state tuition rates and fees at public higher educational institutions; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 667) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative to the rights of faculty members at the University of Massachusetts; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 668) of Jason M. Lewis and Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. for legislation to require disclosure of conflicts of interests in academic institutions; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 670) of Barbara L'Italien, Mary S. Keefe, Brian R. Mannal and Kay Khan for legislation to create a right to representation for college students in some school disciplinary matters; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 674) of Thomas M. McGee, Brian M. Ashe, John W. Scibak, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 675) of Michael O. Moore, Ryan C. Fattman, Leah Cole, Leonard Mirra and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to open textbooks; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 680) of Karen E. Spilka, Benjamin

Swan, Marjorie C. Decker, David Paul Linsky and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote higher education among employees of human services provider organizations; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 681) of Mr. Joseph Toolan for legislation to provide a no pay for higher education law; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 682) of Mr. Joseph Toolan for legislation to provide a higher education, training and service income law; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 682) of Bruce E. Tarr, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to oversight on eligibility for tuition and fee waivers; petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 685) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to authorize Performance-Based Education Funding; and petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 686) of James E. Timilty for legislation to establish a Master of Library Science assistance program, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2214).

> For the committee, Michael O. Moore

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

1 *Ordered, That* the committee on Higher Education be authorized and directed to make an

2 investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 652, 654, 656, 666, 667,

3 668, 670, 674, 675, 679, 680, 681, 682, 684, 685, and 686 relative to higher education matters.