

HOUSE No. 5125

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 25, 2020.

The committee on Higher Education, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 498) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for an investigation by a special task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the economic and educational impacts of establishing public private partnerships between state educational institutions and private corporations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1201) of James Arciero and others relative to the endowment match program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1203) of Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to create a scholarship fund to increase the number of medical providers who are knowledgeable in autism; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1207) of Daniel M. Donahue and others for legislation to create a fiscal incentive program for veterans to pursue degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1220) of Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to create a transitional aid to families with dependent children career pathways trust fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1222) of Daniel J. Hunt for legislation to provide full student representation on the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1224) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to financial literacy counseling for students accepted at public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1225) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the expansion of the valedictorian tuition waiver program in the public system of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1227) of Marc T. Lombardo and Timothy R. Whelan relative to in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1228) of Adrian C. Madaro and others that the endowment match program provide matching funds for public higher education institutions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1232) of Paul McMurtry, Tommy Vitolo and John J. Lawn, Jr., relative to the higher education endowment match program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1234) of Aaron Michlewitz and Elizabeth A. Malia relative to gender non-specific designation on certain financial aid forms provided by the Board of Higher Education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1235) of Frank A. Moran and Bud L. Williams relative to the transfer of college credits by

certain military personnel and veterans to certain institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1236) of Michael J. Moran and others relative to in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1239) of Denise Provost and others for legislation to provide high school graduates equal access to in-state tuition rates and financial aid in the higher education system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1241) of Paul A. Schmid, III and others relative to higher education capital investments in gateway municipalities or abutting municipalities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1242) of Alan Silvia and others relative to residential preference for financial aid at public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1243) of Thomas M. Stanley and others relative to adjunct faculty wages; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1246) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to establishing a tuition free program for teachers and paraprofessionals; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1249) of Thomas P. Walsh and Carmine Lawrence Gentile for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to review opportunities to reduce the costs of higher education by improving the utilization of digital learning technology; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3604) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others that the Department of Higher Education conduct a study evaluating the availability of online courses offered as part of a dual enrollment program hosted by certified institutions of higher education located in the Commonwealth, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5125) ought to be adopted [Senator Pacheco dissents].

For the committee,

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House of Representatives,

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Higher Education be authorized to sit during a recess of
2 the General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 498, 1201,
3 1203, 1207, 1220, 1222, 1224, 1225, 1227, 1228, 1232, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1239, 1241, 1242,
4 1243, 1246, 1249 and 3604, relative to financial aid and tuition.

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, 2020.