

SENATE No. 2538

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

SENATE, February 4, 2020.

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 234) of Joseph A. Boncore, Michael S. Day, Patrick M. O'Connor and Nick Collins for legislation relative to early literacy education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 237) of Harriette L. Chandler and Kevin G. Honan for legislation to provide health education in schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 239) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Elizabeth A. Malia, José F. Tosado, Harriette L. Chandler and other members of the General Court for legislation to prove opportunity for youth with substance abuse needs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 240) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jason M. Lewis, Joanne M. Comerford, Brian W. Murray and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to universal prekindergarten access; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 241) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jason M. Lewis, José F. Tosado, David T. Vieira and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to dropout prevention and recovery; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 244) of Nick Collins, Joanne M. Comerford, Mike Connolly, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to mental health education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 245) of Nick Collins for legislation to concern athletic activities of students with disabilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 246) of Nick Collins, Kevin G. Honan, Andres X. Vargas, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to civics education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 249) of Joanne M. Comerford and Mindy Domb for legislation to ensure best practice incentives are available for all school building projects; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 254) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation to support the local determination of educational competency and multiple forms of academic assessment; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 259) of Cynthia Stone Creem for legislation relative to media literacy; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 260) of Brendan P. Crighton, Patrick M. O'Connor and Liz Miranda for legislation relative to access for after school and out-of-school time programs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 261) of Julian Cyr and Timothy R. Whelan for legislation relative to the availability of sunscreen for students; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 262) of Viriato M. deMacedo, Timothy R. Whelan, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Angelo L. D'Emilia for legislation relative to mandating a curriculum in the public schools on personal financial literacy; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 264) of Sal N.

DiDomenico, Ruth B. Balsler, Joanne M. Comerford, Mike Connolly and other members of the General Court for legislation to support healthy development among preschoolers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 265) of Sal N. DiDomenico, James B. Eldridge, Michael O. Moore, Kay Khan and others for legislation to ensure high quality pre-kindergarten education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 266) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Michael F. Rush, Daniel J. Hunt, Mathew J. Muratore and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve literacy skills; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 268) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Kay Khan and James B. Eldridge for legislation to enhance the educational outcomes of expectant and parenting students; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 269) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Michael O. Moore and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to rates of payment for early childhood education and care programs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 271) of Diana DiZoglio, Rebecca L. Rausch, Angelo M. Scaccia, Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to school services for certain 22 year-old students; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 272) of Diana DiZoglio, Patrick M. O'Connor, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael O. Moore and others for legislation relative to substance abuse education in public schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 275) of Diana DiZoglio and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to standardized tests; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 276) of Julie Eidukonis and Dean A. Tran for legislation regarding academic acceleration for beyond grade-level students; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 277) of Julie Eidukonis and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to require the use of a computer-adaptive assessment to identify student achievement, growth, and for education system accountability; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 278) of Julie Eidukonis for legislation to prohibit against age discrimination within the public schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 279) of Julie Eidukonis and Dean A. Tran for legislation relative to an expert panel on gifted children and their education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 280) of Julie Eidukonis and Maria Duaine Robinson for legislation to ensure that public schools appropriately educate advanced students and gifted and talented children; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 281) of Ryan C. Fattman and Michael J. Soter for legislation to prevent discrimination in interscholastic athletic and extracurricular activities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 284) of Paul R. Feeney and James K. Hawkins for legislation to establish a skin cancer and sun safety education program in public schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 286) of Cindy F. Friedman and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation relative to transportation reimbursement for recovery high schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 288) of Cindy F. Friedman, Jason M. Lewis, Kenneth I. Gordon, Mike Connolly and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to affordable and accessible high quality early education and care; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 291) of Anne M. Gobi, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Dean A. Tran, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide bonus aid to newly formed regional school districts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 294) of Kirstin Beatty for legislation to limit school screen time; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 295) of Kirstin Beatty for legislation to account for technological privacy and safety in schools with local and state committees; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 296) of Patricia D. Jehlen for legislation relative

to student assessment data; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 297) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Mike Connolly, Joseph A. Boncore, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote the education success of court involved children; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 298) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Jason M. Lewis, Elizabeth A. Malia and David M. Rogers for legislation relative to the financial impact of charter schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 299) of Patricia D. Jehlen, David M. Rogers and Michael O. Moore for legislation to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 300) of John F. Keenan, David Allen Robertson, David Paul Linsky, Kenneth I. Gordon and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a facilities loan program for private special education schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 301) of Eric P. Lesser, Anne M. Gobi, Diana DiZoglio, Edward J. Kennedy and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish farm to school grants to promote healthy eating and strengthen the agricultural economy; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 303) of Eric P. Lesser, Brian M. Ashe, José F. Tosado and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to prescription opioid abuse prevention education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 304) of Eric P. Lesser, Antonio F. D. Cabral, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Carole A. Fiola and other members of the General Court for legislation to expand dual enrollment for high school students in Gateway Cities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 305) of Eric P. Lesser, Michael J. Rodrigues, William N. Brownsberger, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure language readiness in deaf and hard-of-hearing children entering kindergarten; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 306) of Jason M. Lewis and Paul Brodeur for legislation relative to strengthening charter school data reporting; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 307) of Jason M. Lewis and Paul Brodeur for legislation relative to strengthening the evaluation process for proposed new charter schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 309) of Vincent Lawrence Dixon for legislation for the end of Common Core, and establishing certain other curriculum standards; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 311) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the net school spending cap; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 314) of Michael O. Moore, Denise Provost, Tommy Vitolo, Thomas M. Stanley and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to local approval for charter schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 315) of Michael O. Moore and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to cybersecurity education in schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 317) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to promote local control and effective training of school resource officers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 319) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to accommodations for special needs students taking the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) examination; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 320) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to creating a school resource officer grant program and fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 321) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to charter school reimbursements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 323) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to safe internet access in schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 324) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a special commission relative to digital textbooks;

(accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 325) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Antonio F. D. Cabral, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to compulsory full-day kindergarten; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 326) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Antonio F. D. Cabral, Jason M. Lewis and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to achieve universal pre-kindergarten; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 328) of Michael F. Rush, Mike Connolly, Anne M. Gobi, Paul McMurtry and other members of the General Court for legislation to create a grant program on alternative assessment models ; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 329) of Michael F. Rush, Anne M. Gobi, Patrick M. O'Connor, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 330) of Michael F. Rush, Mike Connolly, Patrick M. O'Connor, Paul McMurtry and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to physical and social recess in schools ; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 331) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to provide child exploitation awareness education; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 332) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to student achievement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 333) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to school choice; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 336) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to enhancing special education services delivery; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 337) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to ensuring the integrity of charter schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 339) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to promote alternative dispute resolution for students; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 340) of Bruce E. Tarr, Cindy F. Friedman and David Allen Robertson for legislation relative to homeless children school transportation; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 344) of Dean A. Tran and Rebecca L. Rausch for legislation relative to reimbursement for transportation costs for homeless students; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 345) of James T. Welch for legislation to create a disproportionate share childcare provider fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 346) of James T. Welch and Bud L. Williams for legislation to increase access to safe swimming; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 348) of Emily K. Harrison for legislation to establish a task force on child development information for parents; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 676) of Viriato M. deMacedo, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., John J. Lawn, Jr., Mathew J. Muratore and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to MassHealth provider reimbursement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 731) of Dean A. Tran, Brian M. Ashe and David Paul Linsky for legislation to promote mental health education in Massachusetts high schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1556) of Gerry Mroz and Thomas M. Stanley for legislation to incentivize efficiencies in the education system; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2248) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to freedom of expression for public school students; and (accompanied bill, S.2265) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to quantify the SPED Gap by comparing actual special education costs to current special education assistance, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No.2538).

For the committee,

Jason M. Lewis

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Education be authorized and directed to make an
2 investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 234, 237, 239, 240, 241,
3 244, 245, 246, 249, 254, 259, 260, 261, 262, 264, 265, 266, 268, 269, 271, 272, 275, 276, 277,
4 278, 279, 280, 281, 284, 286, 288, 291, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 303, 304, 305,
5 306, 307, 309, 311, 314, 315, 317, 319, 320, 321, 323, 324, 325, 326, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332,
6 333, 336, 337, 339, 340, 344, 345, 346, 348, 731, 1556, 2248 and 2465 relative to education
7 issues.