

HOUSE No. 5040

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 29, 2022.

The committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 103) of Nicholas A. Boldyga for legislation to establish a commission to investigate blockchain technology, so-called, applications and systems for possible beneficial use to the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, the conduct of elections; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 104) of Tackey Chan relative to filing actions of slander against anonymous parties on the internet; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 105) of Patricia A. Duffy and Kirstin Beatty for legislation to require public schools to prioritize replacement of wireless broadband and telecommunications connectivity in favor of hard-wired access; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 106) of Patricia A. Duffy and Kirstin Beatty for legislation to regulate screen time in early and K-12 education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 107) of Patricia A. Duffy and Kirstin Beatty regulating privacy and technology in education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 108) of Patricia A. Duffy and Kirstin Beatty relative to supporting patients and residents suffering from environmental pollutants and non-ionizing radiation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 109) of Kirstin Beatty relative to improving non-ionizing radiation regulation and monitoring; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 110) of Kirstin Beatty relative to halting 5G high frequencies and close proximity antennas; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 111) of Kirstin Beatty relative to requiring better power quality and reduced radiation from utility infrastructure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 112) of Kirstin Beatty relative to hard-wiring state offices and investing in hard-wired communications; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 113) of Kirstin Beatty relative to requiring wireless insurance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 114) of Kirstin Beatty for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to studying technology impacts on police, firefighters, and emergency and

security personnel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 115) of Carolyn C. Dykema and others relative to the purchase and installation of wireless internet service in schools and public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 120) of Carlos González and others relative to internet speed during the COVID-19 outbreak; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 121) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a special commission to study and report on the feasibility of establishing community broadband networks to allow municipalities to offer their own competitive broadband internet services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 122) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to cyber procurement insurance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 124) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Bradford Hill and others for an investigation by a task force (including members of the General Court) relative to the economic and regulatory impacts of fifth generation (5G) cellular mobile communications; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 125) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a commission to study and report on the safety and privacy concerns of telemedicine systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 128) of Paul W. Mark and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the state of the advanced telecommunications broadband industry; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 129) of Christopher M. Markey relative to the interception of wire and oral communications; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 131) of Frank A. Moran, Bud L. Williams and others relative to establishing within the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development a digital equity broadband adoption program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 133) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to electronic voting systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 134) of David M. Rogers, Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to provide for net neutrality and consumer protection; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 137) of Danillo A. Sena and others for an investigation by the Department of Public Health of broadband internet access and its relation to the public health objectives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 138) of Paul F. Tucker relative to the disclosure of information by online marketplaces to inform consumers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 139) of Andres X. Vargas, David M. Rogers and others relative to protecting internet access during the COVID-19 pandemic; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 140) of Andres X. Vargas and others for legislation to regulate certain digital distribution platforms for applications and services; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 141) of Andres X. Vargas, David M. Rogers and others relative to regulating broadband internet rate increases, speed and access across the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 143) of David T. Vieira, Dylan A. Fernandes and Susan L. Moran relative to the installation of internet services for abutting owners on private ways; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 144) of Thomas P. Walsh for an investigation by a special commission relative to advancements in educational technology, digital and online learning, and related programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of John Barrett, III and others relative to the oversight of cable contracts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3830) of David F. DeCoste, Steven G. Xiarhos and Marcos A. Devers relative to prohibiting social media platforms from removing political candidates for public office in response to political statements made by candidates; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3952) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Harriette L. Chandler and others relative to internet service outages; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., that the Office of Information Technology consider cloud computing service options under certain circumstances, reports the accompanying order (House, No. 5040) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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House of Representatives,

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and
2 Cybersecurity be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation
3 and study of House documents numbered 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113,
4 114, 115, 120, 121, 122, 124, 125, 128, 129, 131, 133, 134, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 143, 144,
5 3829, 3830, 3952 and 4089, relative to information technology, the internet and cybersecurity.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2022.