

HOUSE No. 5209

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 23, 2020.

The committee on Higher Education, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 43), the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 481) of Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to establish a fund to be known as the education fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1202) of James Arciero and others for legislation to establish a student loan forgiveness program within the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1210) of Ann-Margaret Ferrante and others relative to providing notices of the total outstanding or pending loan obligations for University of Massachusetts students; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1211) of Sean Garballey, Natalie M. Higgins and others for legislation to provide scholarships for the cost of tuition and fees for certain non-first year students at public colleges or universities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1213) of Sean Garballey for legislation to direct the Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority to establish a college savings program for each eligible child born and issued a birth certificate in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1214) of Sean Garballey, Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to provide adequate

funding for the Commonwealth's public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1215) of Sean Garballey and others relative to providing for appropriations to establish a program of capital improvements to public institutions of higher education to ensure the well being and safety of students, faculty, staff and college communities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1216) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others for legislation to make public higher education free for residents of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1221) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to free public higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1229) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to requiring institutions of higher education to provide uniform financial aid information to accepted applicants; the petition (accompanied by resolutions, House, No. 1230) of Paul W. Mark and others for the adoption of resolutions by the General Court supporting efforts to ensure that students from Massachusetts have access to debt-free higher education at public colleges and universities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1231) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to strengthening and expanding affordable, quality higher education opportunities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1240) of Denise Provost, Marcos A. Devers and James K. Hawkins for legislation to authorize certain high school students to attend community college free of tuition and fees; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1245) of Chynah Tyler and others for legislation to authorize a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees for community college courses for certain low income and low- and moderate- income students; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1247) of Andres X. Vargas, Dylan A. Fernandes and others relative to requiring institutions of higher education to provide uniform financial aid information to accepted applicants; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1248) of John C. Velis and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to student load debt, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5209) ought to be adopted [Representative Provost of Somerville dissents].

For the committee,

JEFFREY N. ROY.

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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 43, 481,
3 1202, 1210, 1211, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1221, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1240, 1245, 1247 and 1248,
4 relative to higher education financing.

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.