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3	<a href="#">State Financial Aid</a>	Requires that public and private colleges and universities, but not community colleges and junior colleges, provide accepted applicants the uniform financial aid information shopping sheet, developed by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and the US Department of Education, prior to the institution's enrollment deadline.	Introduced 5/12/2015. Amendments offered 5/14/2015	Over 940 floor amendments were filed to the Senate Ways and Means Committee proposed budget. The amendments will now be considered on the Senate floor.	Senate Committee on Ways and Means
124	<a href="#">An Act relative to protecting biometric information under the security breach law</a>	Includes biometric information in the types of information falling under the protection of the state's established security breach laws. Defines "personal information" as a resident's first name and last name or first initial and last name in combination with any one or more of the following data elements that relate to such resident: (a) Social Security number; (b) driver's license number or state-issued identification card number; or (c) financial account number, or credit or debit card number, with or without any required security code, access code, personal identification number or password, that would permit access to a resident's financial account; provided, however, that "Personal information" shall not include information that is lawfully obtained from publicly available information, or from federal, state or local government records lawfully made available to the general public; (d) a biometric indicator. Defines "biometric indicator" as any unique biological attribute or measurement that can be used to authenticate the identity of an individual, including but not limited to fingerprints, genetic information, iris or retina patterns, facial characteristics or hand geometry.	Introduced 1/16/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 4/15/2015	The sponsor does not serve as a member of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated S.D. 1151 and originally filed January 16.	Senator Michael Barrett (D)
298	<a href="#">An Act protecting student privacy</a>	Grants educational institutions the discretion to limit or prohibit the possession or use of certain personal devices by students on school property. Prohibits a school employee or third party from having access to any data or other content input into or stored upon a personal device of a student, notwithstanding any violation of school code of conduct provisions regarding possession or use of such device, unless: (1) A school employee has a reasonable suspicion that a student has violated or is violating a separate provision of the code of conduct and that the device contains evidence thereof; (2) Authorized by a valid warrant for the search of the device; (3) Accessing Defines "personally identifiable student data" as one or more of the following: (1) A student's name; (2) The name of a student's parent, legal guardian, or other family member; (3) The address of a student or student's parent, legal guardian, or other family member; (4) Indirect identifiers, including a student's date of birth, place of birth, social security number, telephone number, credit card account number, insurance account number, financial services account number, email address, social media address, and other electronic address; or (5) Any other information that, alone or in combination, is linked or linkable to a specific student that would allow a third party to identify the student with reasonable certainty.	Filed 1/15/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Education 4/15/2015. Hearing scheduled 6/11/2015	This measure is scheduled to be heard in committee June 11.	Senator Patricia Jehlen (D)

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679	<a href="#">An Act concerning sexual violence on higher education campuses</a>	Requires in order to receive state funds for student financial assistance, the president of each community college, state college and university, and the president of each individual University of Massachusetts institution, and the governing boards of the independent post-secondary institutions shall adopt policies concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, as defined in the federal Higher Education Act of 1965. Requires said policies to be developed in coordination with the Title IX coordinator and at least one member from the following: the administration, the counseling services office or health services office, a confidential advisor, the campus police force or campus safety personnel, the faculty, the student body, the residential life office, a community-based sexual assault crisis service center, the state police or local police department and a prosecutor from the district attorney's office. Requires each institution of higher education to establish and carry out a standard process for disciplinary proceedings relating to any claims of sexual violence. Prohibits each institution from carrying out a different disciplinary process on the same campus for a matter of sexual violence, or alter the standard process based on the status or characteristics of a student who will be involved in that disciplinary proceeding, including characteristics such as a student's membership on an athletic team, academic major, or any other characteristic or status of a student.	Introduced 1/16/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Higher Education 4/15/2015. Hearing scheduled 6/3/2015.	The sponsor serves as the Senate Chair of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated S.D. 679 and originally filed January 16. The measure has only recently been converted to a Senate Bill, upon which text is released.	Senator Michael Moore (D)
960	<a href="#">An Act ensuring uniformity in education discrimination on complaint procedures</a>	Permits, within 300 days after the alleged unfair educational practice was committed, any person seeking admission as a student to any educational institution, or enrolled as a student in a vocational training institution, who claims to be aggrieved by an alleged unfair educational practice to independently, or through a parent or guardian, make, sign and file with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination a verified complaint which sets forth the particulars thereof and contain such other information as may be required by the commission. Authorizes, if such informal methods fail to induce the elimination of the alleged unfair educational practice, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to issue and cause to be served upon such institution a certification of the complaint setting forth the alleged unfair educational practice charged for a hearing before the commission, at a place and time to be determined. Requires if, upon all the evidence, the hearing commissioner or hearing officer determine that the respondent has engaged in an unfair educational practice, the commissioner or hearing officer to state the findings of fact and conclusions, and issue and cause to be served upon the complainant and the respondent a copy of such findings and conclusions and an order requiring the respondent to cease and desist from such unfair educational practice.	Introduced 1/15/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development 4/15/2015	The sponsor does not serve as a member of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated S.D. 1060 and originally filed January 15. The measure has only recently been converted to a Senate Bill, upon which text is released.	Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz (D)
1185	<a href="#">An Act relative to health care providers and first responders education</a>	Stipulates that no health care provider who is licensed or registered pursuant to the Chapter on Registration of Professions and Occupations shall obtain a license or registration or renewal of said license or registration unless the health care provider has demonstrated that the health care provider has received appropriate training and continuing education on HIV/AIDS counseling and testing, the diagnosis and treatment of HIV disease and infection control and universal precautions.	Filed 1/16/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health 4/15/2015. Hearing scheduled 5/5/2015	This measure was scheduled to be heard in committee May 5.	Senator Thomas McGee (D)