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274	An Act relative to online advertising	Requires third party advertising networks to post clear and conspicuous notice about data collection and use practices. Requires these networks to provide means for consumers to opt-out of online preference marketing and the gathering of sensitive information. Requires networks make reasonable security efforts to protect data collected and to provide consumers with access to personally identifiable information retained by such networks. Imposes a twenty-four month limit on the retention of data collected and imposes a penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation. Authorizes courts to increase the penalty by up to three times if the network has been found to engage in a pattern and practice of violation.	Introduced 1/16/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure 3/10/2015.	The sponsor does not serve as a member of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated H.D. 3540 and originally filed January 16.	Representative William Straus (D)
474	An Act relative to student data privacy	Prohibits any person who provides account-based access to a website or an online service for an educational institution; who marketed and designed the online service for the educational institution; and who has knowledge that the online service collects data related to a student, from using the online service to sell student data or to process student data in furtherance of advertising; except that the online service provider may process student data to provide, improve, develop or maintain the integrity of its online services.	Filed 1/15/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Education 3/10/2015.	This measure is scheduled to be heard in committee June 11..	Representative Jeffrey Roy (D)
1039	An Act relative to the creation of the battlefield to STEM field incentive program	Establishes a Battlefield to STEM Program to provide financial support to veterans who have completed one year of instruction in a STEM designated course of educational pursuit and have demonstrated academic promise. Requires the program to provide each veteran whose application is accepted with the sum of \$5,000 per academic year, for a period of no more than four academic years. Assigns a veteran with expertise in a STEM field to the STEM Advisory Council.	Filed 1/14/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Higher Education 3/10/2014.	The sponsor does not serve as a member of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated H.D. 1067.	Representative Daniel Donahue (D)
1041	An Act concerning sexual violence on higher education campuses	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 to adopt policies concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving a student, both on and off campus. Requires each institution of higher education to adopt detailed and trauma-informed policies and protocols regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving a student and employee that comport with the best practices and current professional standards. Requires each institution of higher education to establish and carry out a standard process for disciplinary proceedings relating to any claims of sexual violence; and shall not carry 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.	Filed 1/16/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Higher Education 3/11/201	The sponsor does not serve as a member of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated H.D. 3220 and originally filed January 16.	Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D)

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1068	An Act relative to strengthening and expanding affordable, quality higher education opportunities for residents of the Commonwealth	Requires all postsecondary educational institutions offering courses and programs leading to degrees or certificates to residents of the commonwealth to provide, prior to the institution's enrollment deadline, uniform student financial aid information to every prospective student who has been accepted for admission to the institution. Requires each institution to use the financial aid shopping sheet or such other standardized document developed by the U.S. Department of Education to provide this information.	Introduced 1/16/2015. Referred to Joint Committee on Higher Education 3/10/2015.	The sponsor serves as chair of the committee of referral. This measure was previously designated H.D. 3165 and originally filed January 16.	Representative Tom Sannicandro (D)
1078	An Act relative to student's rights in higher education	Requires, prior to any disciplinary hearing to be held by a post secondary public or private educational institution which could result in a student being suspended or expelled, an administrator inform the student that he or she has the right to call his or her parents while in the custody of campus police, and to have an attorney present during any subsequent institutional disciplinary hearing. Requires that whenever a student is the subject of an investigation of criminal activity, if the investigation turns up exculpatory evidence, the relevant law enforcement officials must be notified.	Filed 1/12/2014. Referred to Joint Committee on Higher Education 3/10/2015.	The measure has only recently been converted to a House Bill, upon which text is released. This measure is a refile of H.B. 3942 That measure was referred to study by the Joint Committee on Higher Education.	Representative Timothy Whelan (R)