

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Quality Education

S278
An Act to Fulfill the Promise of Education Reform: Adequacy of Funding for Student Success

Establishes a committee to determine the resources needed for students to achieve state education standards to guide Chapter 70 funding for future years. Raises the foundation budget to require increased funding in three areas: recruitment and retention of teachers, reduction of class size and early education in the public schools.

Spilka, Karen
 Pacheco, Marc
 Flanagan, Jen
 Candaras, Gale
 Eldridge, James
 Jehlen, Patricia
 Creem, Cynthia
 Brewer, Stephen

MTA Sponsored Bills

Atkins, Cory
 Malia , Liz
 Keenan, John
 Patrick, Matt
 Clark, Katherine
 Khan, Kay
 Smizik, Frank
 Rice, Bob
 Swan, Benjamin

Education Committee 9 /15/2009 MTA Testified in Support

Kafka, Louis
 L'Italien, Barbara
 Dwyer, James
 Sannicandro, Tom
 Conroy, Tom
 DiNatale, Stephen
 Richardson, Pam
 Walz, Martha
 Stanley, Tom
 Quinn, John
 Canessa, Stephen
 Rush, Mike
 D'Amico, Steve
 Rushing, Byron
 Sandlin, Rosemary
 Kulik, Stephen
 Linsky, David
 Basile, Carlo
 Provost, Denise
 Brownsberger, William
 McCarthy, Allen
 Spellane, Robert
 Brady, Michael
 Grant, Mary

H422
An Act Pertaining to the Rights of Teachers in Education Collaboratives

Clarifies the rights of teachers in educational collaboratives to ensure that they have the same due process rights as teachers in all other public schools

Tarr, Bruce

Harkins, Lida
 Turner, Cleon
 Sannicandro, Tom
 Dwyer, James

 Rice, Bob
 Smizik, Frank
 Atkins, Cory
 Canavan, Christine
 Kafka, Louis
 Spiliotis, Joyce

Education Committee 6 /2 /2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Retirement

H2342

An Act Relative to Non-Public School Service

Permits K-12 teachers and higher education faculty who taught in non-public educational institutions to purchase up to three years of that service toward retirement.

Tarr, Bruce
Tucker, Susan
Tucker, Susan

MTA Sponsored Bills

Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl
Rice, Bob
Rice, Bob
Spiliotis, Joyce
Donato, Paul

Public Service
Committee

5 /18/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Canavan, Christine
DiNatale, Stephen
Bowles, Bill
Kafka, Louis
D'Amico, Steve
Brownsberger, William
Humason, Donald
Turner, Cleon
Sandlin, Rosemary
Haddad, Patricia
Fernandes, John
Fresolo, John

Smizik, Frank
Sandlin, Rosemary
Sandlin, Rosemary
Hart, John
Provost, Denise

Public Service
Committee

9 /21/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Khan, Kay

H2601

An Act Relative to University of Massachusetts Boston Lecturer's Retirement

Enables non-tenured faculty at UMASS-Boston who enrolled in the Optional Retirement Plan prior to 2003 to change that enrollment to membership in the state employee retirement system. (Those hired in 2003 and later have this choice.)

H2332

An Act to Study Certain Retirement Costs

Directs PERAC to ascertain the annual prospective costs to the state should teacher and state employee pension contributions for those hired since 7/1/96 be decreased from 11% to 9% of their annual salaries

Jehlen, Patricia
Brewer, Stephen
Brewer, Stephen

Cabral, Antonio
Bowles, Bill
Bowles, Bill
Fresolo, John
Sullivan, David

Public Service
Committee

10/16/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Dwyer, James
Spiliotis, Joyce

Retirement

H2487

An Act Relative to Cost of Living Adjustments for Retired Public Employees of the Commonwealth

Increases the base amount upon which cost of living adjustments for public retirees, spouses or other beneficiaries are calculated, from twelve thousand dollars to sixteen thousand dollars upon passage of the legislation and indexes further base increases according to a schedule to what Social Security recipients are entitled.

Tucker, Susan
Chandler, Harriette
Chandler, Harriette
Gallucio, Anthony
Downing, Ben

Moore, Richard
Creem, Cynthia

MTA Sponsored Bills

Kaufman, Jay
Fresolo, John
Fresolo, John
Peake, Sarah
Canavan, Christine

Richardson, Pam
L'Italien, Barbara
Donato, Paul
Sannicandro, Tom
Dwyer, James

Smizik, Frank
Turner, Cleon
Bowles, Bill
Harkins, Lida
Sullivan, David
Patrick, Matt
Spiliotis, Joyce
Khan, Kay
Clark, Katherine
Speliotis, Theodore
Puppolo, Angelo
Sandlin, Rosemary
Garballey, Sean
Cantwell, James
Quinn, John
Callahan, Jennifer
Stanley, Tom
Provost, Denise
O'Day, James
Fox, Gloria
Walz, Martha
Scibak, John
Rush, Mike
Gobi, Anne
D'Amico, Steve
Spellane, Robert
McCarthy, Allen
Welch, James
Conroy, Tom
Speliotis, Theodore
Keenan, John
Smola, Todd

Public Service
Committee

10/26/2009 MTA testified in support

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Retirement		MTA Sponsored Bills			
S1081	Jehlen, Patricia Gallucio, Anthony Gallucio, Anthony	Basile, Carlo Toomey , Timothy Toomey , Timothy Malia , Liz Walz, Martha Patrick, Matt L'Italien, Barbara Dwyer, James Sannicandro, Tom Fresolo, John Bowles, Bill Canavan, Christine	Public Service Committee	6 /1 /2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
An Act Relating to Teachers Retirement					
Permits teachers laid off due to budget cuts, and through no fault of their own, to purchase up to three years of layoff time as creditable service toward retirement.					
S1173	Pacheco, Marc	Quinn, John Sullivan, David Sullivan, David Turner, Cleon DiNatale, Stephen Spiliotis, Joyce	Public Service Committee	9 /21/2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
An Act Relative to the Optional Retirement Program					
Permits higher education faculty and certain administrators enrolled in the Optional Retirement Program, during a one-time 180 day window period, to transfer with creditable service to membership in the state retirement system conditioned upon their payment of sufficient funds determined by the State Retirement Board ensuring that the state would be held harmless for costs accrued while they were enrolled in the					
S1172	O'Leary, Robert Spilka, Karen Spilka, Karen	Dean Campbell, Linda L'Italien, Barbara L'Italien, Barbara Patrick, Matt Sannicandro, Tom Dwyer, James Fresolo, John Canavan, Christine	Public Service Committee	6 /1 /2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
An Act Extending Creditable Service for Peace Corps Service					
Enables higher education faculty and professional employees to purchase up to three years of creditable service toward retirement for service in the Peace Corps. (The law provides for this benefit only to K-12 teachers.)					
S1090	Joyce, Brian Tarr, Bruce Tarr, Bruce	Keenan, John Dwyer, James Dwyer, James L'Italien, Barbara Bowles, Bill Fresolo, John Canavan, Christine Kafka, Louis Spiliotis, Joyce Straus, William Turner, Cleon	Public Service Committee	11/16/2009	MTA Testified in Support
An Act Relative to the Retirement Options of Certain Educational Personnel					
Authorizes school nurses, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, and school business administrators to participate in the teacher retirement system or the alternative superannuation retirement benefit program; extends the deadline for participation in the alternative superannuation retirement benefit					

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor
MTA Sponsored Bills

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Status

Member's Rights and Benefits

S1143

An Act Relative to State Group Health Insurance

Extends group health insurance coverage to part-time higher education faculty members who teach the equivalent of at least two courses per semester or four courses during a calendar year consisting of three or more credits regardless of funding source.

Moore, Richard
Montigny, Mark
Montigny, Mark
Knapik, Michael
Jehlen, Patricia

Kafka, Louis
Fresolo, John
Fresolo, John
Sullivan, David
Rice, Bob

Public Service
Committee

6 /22/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Bowles, Bill
Sannicandro, Tom
Canavan, Christine
Grant, Mary
Callahan, Jennifer
Walz, Martha
Provost, Denise
Ross, Richard
Keenan, John
Gary, Colleen
Spiliotis, Theodore
Dwyer, James

S232

An Act Pertaining to Dismissal Rights of K-12 Educational Support Personnel

Provides a right to a hearing for K-12 educational support personnel threatened with dismissal

Flanagan, Jen

Turner, Cleon
O'Day, James
Dwyer, James
L'Italien, Barbara

Education Committee 6 /16/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Bowles, Bill
Sannicandro, Tom
Canavan, Christine
DiNatale, Stephen
Spiliotis, Joyce

H2570

An Act Pertaining to Collective Bargaining

Permits higher education contracts, once bargained with the employers (Board of Higher Education or UMASS Board of Trustees), to be submitted directly to the legislature for funding approval and then forwarded to the governor for his

Quinn, John
Keenan, John
Keenan, John
Stanley, Tom
Turner, Cleon

Public Service
Committee

10/6 /2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Bowles, Bill
Clark, Katherine
Dwyer, James
Fresolo, John
Sullivan, David
Rice, Bob
Canavan, Christine
Patrick, Matt
Spiliotis, Joyce

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

**House Sponsor
MTA Sponsored Bills**

Referred To

Status

Member's Rights and Benefits

S1189

Spilka, Karen

Sannicandro, Tom
Sannicandro, Tom
Dwyer, James
Fresolo, John

Public Service
Committee

6 /22/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Spiliotis, Joyce

An Act Relative to Insurance Advisory Committees

Ensures that employee representatives on local health insurance advisory committees (IAC) are from recognized bargaining units and requires the IAC to meet at least once each year and not later than 90 days prior to the expiration of the insurance contract or agreement.

H2639

Walsh, Martin
Stanley, Tom
Stanley, Tom
Rice, Bob
Dwyer, James

Public Service
Committee

10/6 /2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Straus, William
Bowles, Bill
Harkins, Lida
Sullivan, David
Patrick, Matt

Spiliotis, Joyce

An Act Relative to the Resolution of School Labor Disputes

Provides that a final arbitrator award, binding on both parties, to settle school contract disputes that have reached impasse. Monetary features would be subject to the approval of the local legislative body. If there is no local legislative body approval, the matter goes back for further bargaining. Follows what is currently in statute for public safety disputes, but tailored to fit the school situation.

H2361

Tarr, Bruce
Gallucio, Anthony
Gallucio, Anthony

Forry, Linda
Canavan, Christine
Canavan, Christine
Fresolo, John
Canessa, Stephen

Public Service
Committee

6 /15/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Basile, Carlo
Quinn, John
L'Italien, Barbara
Lantigua, William
Sannicandro, Tom
Kafka, Louis
Spiliotis, Joyce
Puppolo, Angelo

An Act Relative to Retiree Life Insurance

Enables retired teachers and municipal employees to extend their municipal life insurance coverage on a self-funded basis from the age of 75 to 85. State employees can do this as there is no age

S1042

Donnelly, Ken
Tarr, Bruce
Tarr, Bruce
Gallucio, Anthony

Sannicandro, Tom
Fresolo, John
Fresolo, John
Story, Ellen
Basile, Carlo

Public Service
Committee

6 /22/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Quinn, John
Turner, Cleon

An Act Relative to Dental Coverage for Certain Retired Teachers

Authorizes the Group Insurance Commission to enroll its retired teacher subscribers in its dental plan on a self-funded basis provided they were enrolled previously in the Group Insurance Commission's Retired Municipal Teachers Plan.

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Member's Rights and Benefits

S352

An Act Regulating Campaign Contributions

Amends the law to allow public employees the ability to solicit and receive funds for their political action committees when they are not on duty.

Menard, Joan

MTA Sponsored Bills

Dwyer, James
Fresolo, John
Fresolo, John
Harkins, Lida
DiNatale, Stephen

Election Laws
Committee

10/14/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Clark, Katherine
Donato, Paul
Bowles, Bill
Canavan, Christine
Spiliotis, Joyce

MTA Sponsored Bills

Bradley, Garrett
Falzone, Mark
Falzone, Mark

Election Laws
Committee

6 /3 /2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Other

H559

An Act to Protect the Integrity of Initiative and Referendum Petitions

Requires persons collecting signatures to be registered with the SOS office. Prohibits payment for collection of signatures based on number of signatures gathered.

Education Committee

H3435

An Act to help students stay in school

Limits student exclusions from school for over 10 days to intentional, serious misconduct and cap student exclusions at 90 days. Sets procedures (notice and hearing rights) to prevent incorrect long-term exclusions.

Jehlen, Patricia
Spilka, Karen

Non MTA Bills

Wolf, Alice
O'Day, James
Sannicandro, Tom
Patrick, Matt

Education Committee 11/10/2009 Hearing

Malia , Liz
Smizik, Frank
Costello, Mike
Fagan, James
Fox, Gloria
Brownsberger, William
Sciortino, Carl
D'Amico, Steve
Rice, Bob
L'Italien, Barbara
Clark, Katherine
Cabral, Antonio
Tolman, Steven
Walsh, Steven
Khan, Kay
Garballey, Sean
Peisch, Alice
Provost, Denise

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Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

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Status

Education Committee

H3660
An Act to Improve Assessment and Accountability to Ensure Students Acquire 21st Century Skills

Supplants the 10th grade MCAS exams with a set of state-developed end-of-course assessments in math, English, science, and history. Students must pass each of these classes to be determined competent to graduate from high school. Each school must be accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Donnelly, Ken
Creem, Cynthia
Eldridge, James
Jehlen, Patricia

Non MTA Bills

Sciortino, Carl
Kafka, Louis
Smizik, Frank
Wolf, Alice
Bowles, Bill
Sannicandro, Tom
Clark, Katherine
Patrick, Matt
DiNatale, Stephen

Rice, Bob
Grant, Mary
L'Italien, Barbara
Canavan, Christine
Dwyer, James
Brady, Michael
Richardson, Pam
Khan, Kay
Peake, Sarah
D'Amico, Steve
Garballey, Sean
Malia , Liz
Provost, Denise
Allen, Willie Mae
Cabral, Antonio
McMurty, Paul
Story, Ellen
Sullivan, David

Education Committee 6 /23/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H461
An Act to Expand Access to the MCAS Appeals Process

Gallucio, Anthony
Fargo, Susan
Brewer, Stephen

Malia , Liz
Sullivan, David
Bowles, Bill
Canavan, Christine

Education Committee 6 /23/2009 Hearing

Expands the state MCAS appeals process to all students and requires that students, parents and guardians are given notice of the student's right to appeal.

Smizik, Frank
Dwyer, James
Khan, Kay
Clark, Katherine
Patrick, Matt
DiNatale, Stephen
Grant, Mary
Provost, Denise
Story, Ellen
Rice, Bob
Sannicandro, Tom
Kafka, Louis
Sciortino, Carl
D'Amico, Steve
Allen, Willie Mae
Wolf, Alice
Linsky, David
McMurty, Paul
Garballey, Sean
L'Italien, Barbara

S237
An Act Relative to Data Collection for Charter Schools

Jehlen, Patricia
Fargo, Susan
Tarr, Bruce

Callahan, Jennifer
Rice, Bob
L'Italien, Barbara
Grant, Mary

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Requires for annual report to be provided by charter schools. Requires the collection of additional information to include waiting lists, teachers, students and administrator

Sannicandro, Tom
Provost, Denise
DiNatale, Stephen
Patrick, Matt
Clark, Katherine
Khan, Kay
Richardson, Pam
Dwyer, James
Smizik, Frank
Malia , Liz

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H372

An Act Establishing a Commission to Study the Feasibility of a Charter School for Students on the Autism Spectrum

Establishes a Commission to study the feasibility of developing a Charter School for children with diagnoses on the Autism Spectrum.

Coakley-Rivera, Cheryl Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

H417

An Act Establishing a Charter School Working Group

Establishes a charter school working group to study financing, caps and innovations. Studies obstacles to broader use of Horace Mann model of charter schools.

Tarr, Bruce
Jehlen, Patricia

Haddad, Patricia
Clark, Katherine
Atkins, Cory
Provost, Denise

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

H506

An Act Establishing a Charter School Working Group

Establishes a charter school working group to study the costs and benefits of charter schools, including the financing of, and the innovations promoted by, charter schools. Provides for a representative from MTA to participate on the working group.

Jehlen, Patricia
Pacheco, Marc

Smizik, Frank
Patrick, Matt
Brownsberger, William
Canavan, Christine

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

DiNatale, Stephen
Donato, Paul
Dwyer, James
Grant, Mary
Khan, Kay
L'Italien, Barbara
Clark, Katherine
Rice, Bob
Richardson, Pam
Sannicandro, Tom
Aguiar, Kevin
Allen, Willie Mae
Wolf, Alice
Linsky, David
Stanley, Tom
Kafka, Louis

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

S272
An Act Establishing a Charter School Working Group

Establishes a charter school working group to study the financing of, caps imposed upon, and innovations promoted by charter schools.

Spilka, Karen
Tarr, Bruce
Creem, Cynthia
Tucker, Susan

Ross, Richard
Richardson, Pam
Dykema, Carolyn
Linsky, David

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

H516
An Act Establishing a Moratorium for Commonwealth Charter Schools

Suspends the authority of the DESE Board to grant commonwealth charters until study of the effectiveness of innovative learning and achievement levels, and budgetary allocations.

Kennedy, Thomas

Stanley, Tom
Murphy, Kevin
Garballey, Sean
Donato, Paul

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Sciortino, Carl
Turner, Cleon
Patrick, Matt
Richardson, Pam

S240
An Act Relative to Charter School Enrollment

Provides that the DESE annually, notify each public school of the number of students who will be attending the charter school next year. Bases tuition payments on the previous year's

Jehlen, Patricia
Fargo, Susan
Tarr, Bruce

Callahan, Jennifer

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

H3432
An Act Relative to Enrollment Preferences for Children of Employees of Charter Schools

Provides enrollment preferences to children of teachers and staff.

Rodrigues, Michael

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

H418
An Act Relative to Charter Schools and Education Collaboratives

Includes charter school in the language of Section 4E of Ch. 40 which defines Education Collaboratives and what educational settings are to be included under these said collaboratives.

Spilka, Karen
Fargo, Susan
Tarr, Bruce
Downing, Ben

Haddad, Patricia
Atkins, Cory
Ross, Richard
Polito, Karyn

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

Tucker, Susan

Allen, Willie Mae
Barrows, Jay
Basile, Carlo

S234
An Act Requiring Proof of Residency of Charter School Students

Requires charter schools to notify school districts with names of students attending charter schools.

Gallucio, Anthony

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H433

An Act Relative to Charter School Renewal

Establishes a renewal term of ten years from the expiration of the initial charter or subsequent renewals for charter schools.

Jones, Bradley
Hargraves, Robert
Ross, Richard
Perry, Jeffrey

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

Hill, Bradford
Gifford, Susan
Frost, Paul
Evangelidis, Lewis
Barrows, Jay
Poirier, Elizabeth
Peterson, George
deMacedo, Viriato

H465

An Act Relative to Charter Schools

Authorizes tuition payments in amounts up to 20% of net spending if the MCAS scores are in the lowest 10% statewide.

O'Flaherty, Gene

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Opposition

S236

An Act Relative to Charter Schools

Authorizes public school tuition payments to reach 20 percent of a district's net spending when the MCAS scores are in the lowest 10 percent.

Hart, John

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Opposition

H434

An Act Relative to School District Enhancement

Defines caps for underperforming charter school that do not meet AYP for 2 consecutive years. 9% cap does not apply if school is declared underperforming. 4% cap on number of students attending charter does not apply if school is declared underperforming

Jones, Bradley
Webster, Daniel
Hargraves, Robert
Smola, Todd

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing

Ross, Richard
Perry, Jeffrey
Hill, Bradford
Gifford, Susan
Frost, Paul
Poirier, Elizabeth
Peterson, George
deMacedo, Viriato

H3431

An Act Capping Charter School Payments from Sending Districts

Sets \$7500 as cap per pupil

Costello, Mike

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H479
An Act to Provide Parity for Local Public School Tuition Payments for Commonwealth Charter Schools

Calculates operational costs of charter schools in each district to determine tuition costs.

Eldridge, James

Richardson, Pam
Sciortino, Carl
Provost, Denise
Grant, Mary
Gary, Colleen
D'Amico, Steve
Garballey, Sean
Gregiore, Danielle
Koczera, Robert
DiNatale, Stephen

Education Committee 5 /12/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

H4078
An Act to Promote Civic Engagement in the Charter School Approval Process

Prohibits the DESE Board from approving a charter school without support from the city council, select board, and/or town meeting.

Haddad, Patricia

Education Committee 5 /5 /2009 Hearing-MTA Testified in Support

H499
An Act Relative to Teacher Certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Requires teachers to be certified in CPR.

Scibak, John

Education Committee 5 /26/2009 Hearing

H361
An Act to Implement Full-Day Kindergarten

Requires all children "to attend a full-day educational program at kindergarten age."

Cabral, Antonio

Education Committee 5 /5 /2009 Hearing

H369
An Act Concerning Kindergarten and the Mandatory Minimum Age for School Attendance

Requires students to begin school the year that the child turns five; all must attend kindergarten before entering first grade.

Canessa, Stephen

Education Committee 12/11/2009
5 /5 /2009 Hearing - New Bedford Public Library
Hearing

H3547
Resolve for a Special Commission to Develop an Index of Creative and Innovative Education in the Commonwealth

Establishes a commission to develop an index to rate schools on their creative opportunities.

Rosenberg, Stan

Bosley, Daniel

Education Committee 6 /1 /2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

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Education Committee					
H411 An Act Establishing a Grant Program for the Purpose of Expanding Learning Time and Improving Student Success		Non MTA Bills Haddad, Patricia	Education Committee	5 /5 /2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
The bill codifies and expands the current Extended learning Time (ELT) state grant program.					
H447 An Act Establishing the Mass Professional Standards Board		Khan, Kay	Education Committee	6 /16/2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
Creates an autonomous board with a majority of practitioners to control entry and exit into the public school teaching profession in Massachusetts, removing this duty from the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.					
S267 An Act to Reform Education Licensure in the Commonwealth		O'Leary, Robert	Education Committee	6 /16/2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
Amends and streamlines the education licensure system in Massachusetts					
H4166 An Act to Reform Education in Public Schools through the Creation of In-District Charter Schools with Pay-for-Performance	Hart, John Petrucci, Anthony	St. Fleur, Marie Saccia , Angelo Basile, Carlo	Education Committee	7 /21/2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Opposition
Allows for the conversion of underperforming schools or new schools in a district to be designated as in-district charter schools. The In-district school will be subject to pay for performance contract and the superintendent has the authority to limit, suspend or terminate the collective bargaining contract.					
H4163 An Act Relative to Charter Schools			Education Committee	9 /17/2009	MTA Testified in support with reservations
Increases the statutory limitation on district spending from 9 percent to 18 percent for the lowest-scoring 10 percent of school districts as measured by the MA Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exams. Potentially creates an estimated 27,000 new spots in charter schools in					

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H530

An Act Relative to Early Education

Amends the law passed last year, setting out the plan for the state's new early education and care system to provide additional transparency and accountability, to ensure the public schools' role in early education and to ensure better coordination at the local level, where early education services are provided.

Wolf, Alice

Education Committee 10/27/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

H483

An Act Relative to the Prevention of Bullying

Comprehensive anti-bullying bill addressing harassment, intimidation, bullying and cyberbullying in any public educational institution; requires school committees to adopt anti-harassment and bullying policies and requires DESE to develop model policies, training, review of local policies and reporting to the legislature.

Rogers, John

Education Committee 11/17/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

H450

An Act Relative to the Public Health Impact of Commercialism in Schools

Directs the Commissioner of Public Health to assess the impact of advertising and marketing on behavioral risk factors utilizing data collected through the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); prohibits manufacturers and distributors from advertising consumer products or services and the placement of manufacturer marks on public school grounds, buildings, or property owned or leased by schools.

Koutoujian, Peter
Koutoujian, Peter

Education Committee 11/10/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

H451

An Act Creating a Commission to Regulate Commercialism in the Public Schools

Establishes and regulates the membership and operation of a special, unpaid commission within the board of elementary and secondary education pertaining to commercialism in the public schools; directs the commission to develop guidelines and standards for the use of commercial ventures in public schools, including, but not limited to advertising and marketing.

Koutoujian, Peter

Education Committee 11/10/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

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Status

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H500

An Act Relative to Student Privacy

Requires public schools to notify students and parents of their right to prevent the release of the pupil's name, address, and telephone number listing to military recruiters without prior written consent of the parent or legal guardian: requires notification of students and parents of the release of the articulated information to the military.

Sciortino, Carl

Education Committee 11/10/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

H4164

An Act Relative to the Achievement Gap

Provides for a maximum of 72 schools that can be designated as underperforming or chronically underperforming at any one time. Provides for limited roles for teachers and union presidents. Allows for the superintendent to limit, suspend, or change provisions of collective bargaining contracts and provides for reopening of contract and 30 days of negotiations with option of 3 person joint resolution committee using AAA procedures in underperforming schools, commissioner resolves remaining issues in chronically underperforming schools. Requires staff and teachers to reapply for their positions. Provides for good cause standard for dismissal of PTS teachers and expedited arbitration process.

Education Committee 1 /18/2010 Signed into law by the Governor
1 /14/2010 Bill sent to Conference Committee - New Version - S2247 enacted by both the House and the Senate
1 /7 /2010 House passed amended version - H 4423
12/30/2009 House recommended new text of bill - H 4410 An Act Relative to the achievement gap
11/17/2009 Printed as amended version and sent to the House
11/17/2009 Amended version - S 2216 - Passed by the Senate to be engrossed
11/13/2009 S Reported favorably as amended by Senate Committee on Ways and Means - New Draft Substituted - S 2205 An Act Relative to Education Reform
11/10/2009 New Draft Substituted - S2201 An Act Relative to Education Reform
11/10/2009 S Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Education
9 /17/2009 MTA Testified in Opposition

Higher Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H1170

An Act Making Faculty Sabbatical Provisions at State Colleges Consistent With Other Higher Education Institutions.

Provides that the faculty at state colleges would be eligible for sabbaticals from their sixth year rather than after seven years under the current law.

Murphy, Kevin

Higher Education Committee 10/26/2009 Sent to House Ways and Means
10/26/2009 Favorable Report From Higher Ed Committee
9 /29/2009 MTA Testified in Support

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Higher Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

H1110		D'Amico, Steve	Higher Education Committee	9 /29/2009	MTA Testified in Support
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An Act to Maintain Faculty and College Excellence in the Commonwealth

Provides that 75% of all undergraduate courses at our public institutions of higher education would be taught by full time tenure and tenure track faculty by 2015.

Public Service Committee

Non MTA Bills

H2509		Kulik, Stephen Brownsberger, William Brownsberger, William Scibak, John	Public Service Committee	6 /15/2009	Hearing - MTA testified in opposition
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An Act Regarding Municipal Health Insurance Plans

This bill would repeal the right of unions representing municipalities to bargain over health care plan designs.

S1206	Tolman, Steven		Public Service Committee	5 /4 /2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support
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An Act Establishing An Early Retirement Incentive for State Employees

Establishes an early retirement incentive for state employees consisting of a combination of years of service and years of age, the sum of which shall not be greater than five years.

H29/S2088			Public Service Committee	6 /18/2009	Referred to Senate Ways and Means
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An Act Relative to Pension Governance Reform

Strengthens municipal retirement systems by instituting mandatory competitive bidding requirements, requiring financial disclosure of retirement board members, strengthen laws regarding misconduct, and mandate appropriate education for all board members.

6 /15/2009	Redrafted as S2088 and reported favorably
5 /4 /2009	Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

H76			Public Service Committee	6 /19/2009	Referred to House Ways and Means
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An Act Relative to the Accounting of Public Employee Retirement Systems

Requires the State Board of Retirement and the MA Teacher Retirement Board to prepare an annual report showing the financial condition of their retirement systems

6 /15/2009	Reported Favorably
5 /4 /2009	Hearing

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Public Service Committee

Non MTA Bills

S1211

Tolman, Steven

Hecht, Jonathan

Public Service Committee

9 /21/2009 Hearing - MTA testified in support

Ant Act to Promote Equity in Pension Benefits

Enables higher education faculty who chose to participate in the ORP because the law did not permit them to marry at the time of their election to withdraw from the ORP and join the traditional State Retirement Plan.

Election Laws Committee

Non MTA Bills

H559

Bradley, Garrett
Falzone, Mark
Falzone, Mark

Election Laws Committee

6 /3 /2009 MTA Testified in Support

An Act to Protect the Integrity of Initiative and Referendum Petitions

Amends the procedure of initiative and referendum petition signature collection; requires persons gathering signatures to register with the Commonwealth; requires all petitions contain a printed affidavit; prohibits payment of signature gatherers at a rate based on the number of signatures collected; prohibits persons from collecting signatures for more than one referendum or initiative question at a time; requires all paid signature gatherers to register with the commonwealth; submits criteria and procedure relative to said registration.

Municipalities and Reg Gov't Comm.

Non MTA Bills

S2029

Kennedy, Thomas

Municipalities and Reg Gov't Comm.

6 /2 /2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Opposition

An Act Relative to the City of Brockton's Calculations of its Local Contribution to Net School Spending

Allows Brockton to count retired health insurances and transportation in determining net-school spending.

H104

Municipalities and Reg Gov't Comm.

6 /2 /2009 Hearing - Fall River

An Act Strengthening the Commonwealth's Partnership with its Municipalities

Includes cost saving local revenue options and changes how municipal health insurance is set.

5 /15/2009 Hearing - Hudson Town Hall
5 /12/2009 Hearing - State House

Bill Number/Title/Description
Municipalities and Reg Gov't Comm.

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor
Non MTA Bills

Referred To

Status

S2051

A report of the Special Commission on Municipal Relief on the feasibility of innovative local revenue-generating measures

A report of the Special Commission on Municipal Relief submitting its findings and recommendations on the feasibility of innovative local revenue-generating measures in an effort to provide revenue relief to municipalities

Public Health Committee

Municipalities and Reg Gov't Comm.

6 /2 /2009 Hearing - Fall River

5 /15/2009 Hearing - Hudson Town Hall

5 /12/2009 Hearing - State House

Non MTA Bills

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Public Health Committee

H2127
An Act to Establish the Massachusetts Health Care Trust
Establishes "single payer" health care financing in Massachusetts

Kaufman, Jay
Eldridge, James
Eldridge, James
Kennedy, Thomas
McGee, Thomas

Gallucio, Anthony
Creem, Cynthia
Fargo, Susan
Donnelly, Ken
Tolman, Steven
Rosenberg, Stan
Downing, Ben
Jehlen, Patricia

Non MTA Bills

Patrick, Matt
Madden, Tim
Madden, Tim
Rush, Mike
Grant, Mary

Gobi, Anne
D'Amico, Steve
Callahan, Jennifer
Cantwell, James
Scibak, John
Fallon, Christopher
Provost, Denise
Lewis, Jason
Khan, Kay
Sannicandro, Tom
Pignatelli, Smitty
Smizik, Frank
Kocot, Peter
Toomey, Timothy
O'Day, James
Balsler, Ruth
Allen, Willie Mae
Wolf, Alice
Falzone, Mark
Walz, Martha
L'Italien, Barbara
Speranzo, Christopher
Story, Ellen
Miceli, James
Donelan, Christopher
Fresolo, John
Richardson, Pam
Sciortino, Carl
Guyer, Denis
Linsky, David
Sullivan, David
Brownsberger, William
Lantigua, William

Public Health Committee

10/20/2009 MTA submitted written testimony in support support

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

Bill Number/Title/Description

Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

Status

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

H2732

Moore, Richard

Falzone, Mark

Revenue Committee

5 /6 /2009 Hearing

An Act to Promote Sales Tax Fairness for Main Street Retailers

Malia , Liz
Ehrlich, Lori

Streamlines the sales tax, closes existing loopholes for sales and use taxes and allows collection of sales tax on internet sales.

Patrick, Matt
D'Amico, Steve
Atkins, Cory
Garballey, Sean
Binienda, John

S1381

Walsh, Marian

Revenue Committee

9 /23/2009 Hearing - MTA Testified in Support

An Act Relative to Student Population Growth

Authorizes municipalities to increase total taxes for a year by an amount equal to the product of the percentage increase from the previous school year to the present school year in student population attending municipal schools and the approved school budget for the prior school year.

Non MTA Bills

FY10 State Budget

H1

An Act Making Appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2010 (H4101) (S3)

An Act making appropriations for the fiscal year 2010 for the maintenance of the departments,

boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the Commonwealth, for interest, sinking

fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements

6 /29/2009 Signed by the Governor
6 /19/2009 Passed House and Senate
5 /28/2009 Sent to Senate - House Conference Committee
5 /21/2009 Senate Engrossed its Version of the
5 /21/2009 Senate Engrossed its Version of the State Budget (S3)
5 /13/2009 S Ways and Means Reported a New Draft (S3)
5 /1 /2009 H Engrossed its Version og the State Budget (H4101) and reported it to the Senate
4 /16/2009 H Reported by Committee in Part
1 /29/2009 H Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means
1 /28/2009 Filed by the Governor
1 /28/2009 H Filed in the House

Senate Ways and Means

Non MTA Bills

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Senate Sponsor

House Sponsor

Referred To

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Senate Ways and Means

Non MTA Bills

S2079
An Act Providing Responsible Reforms in the Pension System

Closes a series of controversial state pension loopholes that were the subject of media headlines. Attempts to exclude "teacher stipends" from one's pension base as well as to include a "lifetime earnings" standard when calculating pensions were not included.

Ethics and Rules

S2050
An Act relative to improving the laws relating to ethics and lobbying.

Tightens rules for lobbyists, reduces the amount that donors can give to a political party, and transfers to a state administrative law agency the Ethics Commission's authority to hold hearings on allegations of wrongdoing.

Non MTA Bills

Kocot, Peter

Senate Ways and Means	6 /16/2009	Signed into law by the Governor as Chapter 21 of the Acts of 2009
	6 /11/2009	Enacted by the Senate
	6 /11/2009	Enacted by the Senate
	6 /11/2009	Enacted by the House

Ethics and Rules	7 /1 /2009	Signed into law by the Governor
	5 /14/2009	Passed House and Senate

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