

**Quality Education**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

**H 153**

**An Act to Fulfill the Promise of Education Reform By Ensuring Adequate Funding for Student Success**

Establishes a Committee (legislature and administration) to oversee an independent study to determine the resources needed for students to achieve state education standards. This "adequacy study" is intended to guide Chapter 70 funding in future years.

**Gale Candaras**

Katherine Clark  
Sal N. DiDomenico  
James B. Eldridge  
Patricia D. Jehlen  
Michael O. Moore

**Jason Lewis**

Ruth Balsler  
Jennifer Benson  
Mike Brady  
William Brownsberger  
Mike Costello  
Stephen DiNatale  
James Dwyer  
Lori Ehrlich  
John Fernandes  
Mike Finn  
Sean Garballey  
Anne Gobi  
Jonathan Hecht  
Kate Hogan  
Jay Kaufman  
Peter Kocot  
Stephen Kulik  
Paul Mark  
Denise Provost  
Angelo Puppolo  
Tom Sannicandro  
John Scibak  
Carl Sciortino  
Frank Smizik  
Tom Stanley  
Benjamin Swan  
Cleon Turner  
Alice Wolf

Education  
Committee

3/20/2012  
6/7/2011

Accompanied Study Order  
Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**Quality Education**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

<p><b>H 1671</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to Improving Quality in Early Education and Care Through Center Based Child Care Providers</b></p> <p>Improves the quality of early education and care by providing for collective bargaining between workers at early childhood education and child care centers and the Commonwealth about such matters as professional development and training, conditions affecting recruitment and retention, career ladders and rates of subsidy and reimbursement in state subsidized centers.</p>	<p>James B. Eldridge James E. Timilty</p>	<p><b>Steven Walsh</b> Ruth Balsler Jennifer Benson Mike Brady Cheryl Coakley-Rivera Tom Conroy Sean Curran James Dwyer Sean Garballey Thomas Golden Louis Kafka Kay Khan Peter Kocot Jason Lewis Denise Provost Angelo Puppolo Carl Sciortino Frank Smizik Christopher Speranzo Cleon Turner Martin Walsh Alice Wolf</p>	<p>Public Service Committee</p>	<p>3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service 1/11/2012 New Draft of Bill 10/4/2011 Hearing MTA testified in support</p>
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**Retirement**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

<p><b>H 3457</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to Cost of Living Adjustments for Retired Public Employees of the Commonwealth</b></p> <p>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. Indexes further base increases according to a schedule to what Social Security recipients are entitled.</p>	<p><b>Richard T. Moore</b></p>	<p>Paul Donato James Dwyer Sean Garballey Alice Peisch Denise Provost Angelo Puppolo Stephen Smith Theodore Speliotis Tom Stanley Cleon Turner Martha Walz</p>	<p>Public Service Committee</p>	<p>11/18/2011 Governor signed Pension Bill which raised the base by which the pension is calculated to \$13,000, in effect increasing the annual COLA by \$30.00 5/25/2011 Bill amended and joined with others Now H3457 Reported favorably to House Ways and Means 5/17/2011 Hearing MTA testified in support</p>
<p><b>S 1307</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to Adjunct Faculty Pensions</b></p> <p>Allows part-time faculty who teach at least four, three or more credit courses per calendar year at one or more state higher education institutions to earn a year of creditable service for this time.</p>	<p><b>Patricia D. Jehlen</b></p>	<p>Denise Provost Cleon Turner Martha Walz</p>	<p>Public Service Committee</p>	<p>3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service 11/2/2011 Filed as amendment to H 3787 (House Pension Bill) - not adopted 9/15/2011 Filed as amendment to S 2010 (Senate Pension Bill) - not adopted 7/26/2011 Hearing Testified in support</p>

**Retirement**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

<p><b>S 1310</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to the Retirement Options of Certain Educational Personnel</b></p> <p>Authorizes school nurses, social workers, early education teachers, 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</p>	<p><b>Brian A. Joyce</b></p>		<p>Public Service Committee</p>	<p>1/17/2012 11/2/2011 9/15/2011 7/26/2011</p>	<p>Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Public Service Filed as amendment to H 3787 (House Pension Bill) - not adopted Filed as amendment to S 2010 (Senate Pension Bill) - not adopted Hearing Testified in support</p>
<p><b>H 2932</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to Non-Public School Service</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Eileen Donoghue Susan C. Fargo Michael R. Knapik</p>	<p><b>Cheryl Coakley-Rivera</b> Mike Brady Nick Collins Paul Donato James Dwyer John Fresolo Bradford Hill Donald Humason Kevin Murphy Angelo Puppolo John Rogers Theodore Speliotis Tom Stanley David Torrisi Cleon Turner</p>	<p>Public Service Committee</p>	<p>3/21/2012 11/2/2011 9/15/2011 7/26/2011</p>	<p>Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service Filed as amendment to H 3787 (House Pension Bill) - not adopted Filed as amendment to S 2010 (Senate Pension Bill) - not adopted Hearing Testified in support</p>
<p><b>S 1317</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to Creditable Service for School Nurses</b></p> <p>Permits school nurses to buy back up to three years as creditable service for any period of work experience in the nursing field.</p>	<p><b>Thomas P. Kennedy</b> Michael O. Moore</p>	<p>Mike Brady John Fresolo Cleon Turner</p>	<p>Senate Ways and Means</p>	<p>3/15/2012 3/12/2012 11/2/2011 9/15/2011 7/26/2011</p>	<p>Referred to Senate Committee on Ways and Means Reported Favorably by Joint Committee on Public Service Filed as amendment to H 3787 (House Pension Bill) - not adopted Filed as amendment to S 2010 (Senate Pension Bill) - not adopted Hearing Testified in support</p>
<p><b>S 1912</b></p> <p><b>An Act relative to the enrollment into the state retirement system of higher education employees in the optional retirement plan.</b></p> <p>It allows members currently enrolled in the ORP to retroactively enroll in the state retirement system and buy back their time.</p>	<p><b>Marc R. Pacheco</b></p>		<p>Public Service Committee</p>	<p>11/18/2011 11/2/2011 10/4/2011 9/15/2011</p>	<p>Signed into law - Section 60 of Chapter 176 of Acts of 2011 Filed as amendment to H 3787 (House Pension Bill) - adopted Hearing MTA testified in support Filed as amendment to S 2010 (Senate Pension Bill) - adopted</p>

**Member's Rights and Benefits**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

**S 1340 / H 704**

**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.

**Richard T. Moore**  
Michael R. Knapik

**Jay Kaufman**  
John Fresolo  
Denise Provost  
Angelo Puppolo  
Cleon Turner  
Martha Walz  
David Sullivan

Public Service  
Committee

5/25/2011 House referred to Joint Committee on Health Care Financing  
5/17/2011 House reported H 704 favorably by Joint Committee on Public Service carrying SB 1340  
5/3/2011 Hearing  
Testified, Higher Ed Members also testified

**S 208**

**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.

**Jennifer L. Flanagan**

Christine Canavan  
David Sullivan

Education  
Committee

2/16/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
6/21/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**H 2981**

**An Act Relative to Funding Collective Bargaining Agreements for State Employees**

Streamlines the process for legislative approval of collective bargaining agreements for state employees by requiring ratified agreements to be submitted directly to the Legislature. Such requests for funding would be deemed approved if the Legislature fails to approve or reject such requests within thirty days of submission.

**Martin Walsh**  
Mike Brady  
Sean Garballey  
Denise Provost  
David Sullivan

Public Service  
Committee

10/26/2011 Referred to House Ways and Means - Accompanied H 735  
10/4/2011 Hearing  
Testified in support

Member's Rights and Benefits

MTA Sponsored Bills

**H 3789**

**An Act to Clarify Terms of Collective Bargaining Agreements**

Restores over 35 years of well-settled labor law by affirming that "evergreen clauses" are legal under G.L. c. 150E, even when they extend contract terms beyond three years.

**Steven A. Tolman**  
 Mike Rush  
 Sal N. DiDomenico  
 Kenneth J. Donnelly  
 Jennifer L. Flanagan  
 Brian A. Joyce  
 Thomas M. McGee  
 Michael O. Moore  
 Marc R. Pacheco  
 James E. Timilty

**Martin Walsh**  
 Brian Ashe  
 Jennifer Benson  
 Mike Brady  
 Christine Canavan  
 James Cantwell  
 Cheryl Coakley-Rivera  
 Nick Collins  
 Sean Curran  
 Lori Ehrlich  
 Christopher Fallon  
 John Fresolo  
 Sean Garballey  
 Colleen Garry  
 Anne Gobi  
 Thomas Golden  
 Carlos Henriquez  
 Michael Kane  
 John Keenan  
 Kay Khan  
 Jason Lewis  
 Kevin Murphy  
 Harold Naughton  
 Rhonda Nyman  
 James O'Day  
 Smitty Pignatelli  
 Denise Provost  
 Angelo Puppolo  
 Kathi-Anne Reinstein  
 John Rogers  
 Byron Rushing  
 Carl Sciortino  
 Stephen Smith  
 Frank Smizik  
 Christopher Speranzo  
 Joyce Spiliotis  
 Ellen Story  
 David Sullivan  
 Benjamin Swan  
 Timothy Toomey  
 Cleon Turner  
 Steven Walsh  
 Martha Walz  
 Alice Wolf

Public Service  
 Committee

11/22/2011 Signed - Chapter 198 of 2011  
 11/2/2011 House passed  
 To be engrossed  
 10/17/2011 Language included in supplemental  
 budget filed by the Governor  
 10/4/2011 Hearing  
 Testified in support  
 8/29/2011 Evergreen language included in the  
 Governor's Supplemental Budget  
 Not included in final versin of the Bill  
 Requested that language be included in  
 the House's Supplemental Budget

**Member's Rights and Benefits**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

<b><u>H 3873</u></b> <b>An Act establishing Commonwealth virtual schools</b>		<b>Joint Committee on Edu</b>	Education Committee	1/12/2012 1/12/2012	Referred to House Ways and Means New draft of H 1050, H 1090, and H 1960
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**Other**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

<b><u>H 2553 / S 1416</u></b> <b>An Act to Invest in Our Communities</b> Provides mechanisms to raise \$1.3 billion in revenue to help protect and preserve our communities from the impact of significant anticipated budget deficits by: increasing the income tax rate to 5.95% while increasing the personal exemption to minimize the impact on middle income families and, establishing an 8.95% rate on capital gains and dividends and interest income providing a \$7,900 exemption for senior citizens whose incomes do not exceed \$40,000 for individuals and \$80,000 for couples.	<b>Sonia Chang-Diaz</b> Kenneth J. Donnelly James B. Eldridge Patricia D. Jehlen Dan Wolf	<b>James O'Day</b> Ruth Balsler Sean Curran Marcos Devers John Fresolo Kay Khan Liz Malia Paul Mark Denise Provost Angelo Puppolo Carl Sciortino Frank Smizik Ellen Story Alice Wolf	Revenue Committee	3/21/2012 5/5/2011	Accompanied Study Order Hearing MTA testified in support
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**Higher Education**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

<b><u>H 1244</u></b> <b>An Act Maintaining Faculty and College Excellence</b> Requires that seventy-five percent of undergraduate courses be taught by full time tenure and tenure track faculty by 2017 and contains other provisions to help adjunct faculty including a possible career path.		<b>David Sullivan</b> Richard Bastien James Dwyer Louis Kafka Denise Provost Frank Smizik	Higher Education Committee	3/21/2012 6/22/2011	Accompanied Study Order Hearing MTA testified in support
<b><u>H 351</u></b> <b>An Act increasing grants and scholarships for public higher education students</b> Requires that no more than 50% of state scholarship and grant funds may go to students enrolled in private higher education institutions. (Under current programs, most state funds now go to students attending non-public colleges and universities.)		<b>Sean Garballey</b> James Arciero Richard Bastien James Dwyer Denise Provost Angelo Puppolo Frank Smizik Ellen Story Benjamin Swan Cleon Turner	Higher Education Committee	3/21/2012 5/11/2011	Accompanied Study Order Hearing Testified in support

**Election Laws**

**MTA Sponsored Bills**

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<p><b>S 317</b></p> <p><b>An Act Regulating Campaign Contributions</b></p> <p>Amends the law to allow public employees the ability to solicit and receive funds for multi-candidate political action committees.</p>	<p><b>Mike Rush</b></p>	<p>David Sullivan</p>	<p>Election Laws Committee</p>	<p>3/21/2012 10/19/2011</p>	<p>Accompanied Study Order Hearing MTA testified in support</p>
<p><b>S 314 / H 1830</b></p> <p><b>An Act to Protect the Integrity of Initiative and Referendum Petitions</b></p> <p>Amends the procedure of initiative and referendum petition signature collection; requires all petitions to 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 question at a time; requires all paid signature gatherers to register with the Commonwealth.</p>	<p><b>Stanley C. Rosenberg</b> Thomas P. Kennedy Dan Wolf</p>	<p><b>Denise Provost</b> James Dwyer Vincent Pedone Carl Sciortino Frank Smizik Alice Wolf</p>	<p>Election Laws Committee</p>	<p>3/21/2012 5/11/2011</p>	<p>Accompanied Study Order Hearing MTA testified in support</p>
<p><b>S 13</b></p> <p><b>A Proposal for a Legislative Amendment to the Constitution Relative to the Subject Matter of Initiative and Referendum Petitions.</b></p> <p>Increases the percent of the population required to sign a petition for a ballot initiative from 1.04% to 2.5%. Currently, MA has the lowest percent of signatures required to file a ballot initiative of any state; percentages across the country range up to 8.87%.</p>	<p><b>Stanley C. Rosenberg</b> Kenneth J. Donnelly Thomas P. Kennedy Dan Wolf</p>	<p>Denise Provost Carl Sciortino</p>	<p>Election Laws Committee</p>	<p>5/5/2011 4/6/2011</p>	<p>Ought not to pass Hearing MTA testified in support</p>

**Education Committee**

**Non MTA Bills**

<p><b>S 258</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to High School Graduation Requirements</b></p> <p>Allows special needs students, who fulfilled their IEP's, to be eligible for high school graduation, despite failing to pass the grade ten competency tests.</p>	<p><b>Steven A. Tolman</b></p>		<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>2/6/2012 1/18/2012 5/10/2011</p>	<p>New Draft Substituted - H 3932 Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB1944 Hearing - Testified in support</p>
<p><b>H 1938</b></p> <p><b>An Act to Expand Access to the MCAS Appeals Process</b></p> <p>Provides a right to appeal for students, requiring notice to parents and students, requiring schools to advocate for students who seek to appeal, and reducing the current barriers to appeal.</p>		<p><b>Liz Malia</b></p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>2/6/2012 1/18/2012 5/10/2011</p>	<p>Referred to House Ways and Means New draft reported favorably H 3925 Hearing- Testified in support</p>

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

<p><b>H 1944</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relating to High School Graduation Requirements for Students with Learning Disabilities</b></p> <p>Allows students with disabilities to receive a high school diploma, under certain conditions, despite the failure to pass the MCAS tests.</p>		<p><b>Alice Peisch</b></p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>2/6/2012 1/18/2012 5/10/2011</p>	<p>Referred to House Ways and Means New draft reported favorably H 3932 Hearing- Testified in support</p>
<p><b>H 1946</b></p> <p><b>An Act to Promote Greater Fairness, Accountability and Public Confidence in the MCAS</b></p> <p>Expands the MCAS appeals process; requires the collection of information by the department on assessment and appeals, particularly for special needs students, English learners and students "difficult to access using conventional methods"; prohibits the withholding of a high school diploma from certain special needs students and English learners; and, establishes a performance assessment, accommodation and appeals process for such students.</p>		<p><b>Alice Peisch</b></p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>1/18/2012 5/10/2011</p>	<p>Attached to new draft H 1944 Now, H 3932 Hearing- Testified in support</p>
<p><b>H 1955</b></p> <p><b>An Act to Improve Assessment and Accountability to Ensure Students Acquire 21st Century Skills</b></p> <p>Modifies the use of MCAS by allowing it to be a component of the graduation requirement, establishing a system that combines both state-developed and locally-developed (state-approved) assessments to determine student competency. Also requires that practitioners (i.e., teachers) develop curriculum frameworks and tests; require NEASC to accredit all schools; provide assistance to districts on assessment and accountability; and, limit number of days for state testing.</p>	<p><b>James B. Eldridge</b></p>	<p><b>Carl Sciortino</b></p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>1/18/2012 5/10/2011</p>	<p>Accompanied Study Order Hearing- Testified in support</p>
<p><b>H 1853 / S 188</b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to third grade reading proficiency</b></p> <p>These bills would establish a Massachusetts Early Reading Council, including the MTA as a member, to develop recommendations regarding children's language and literacy development.</p>	<p><b>Katherine Clark</b></p>	<p><b>Martha Walz</b></p>	<p>Education Committee</p>	<p>3/21/2012 5/31/2011</p>	<p>Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education as redrafted, carrying S 188, H 172, S 178. Hearing MTA testified in support.</p>

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

**H 1050**

**An Act establishing a virtual school working group**

Establishes a working group to study all aspects of the establishment of virtual schools.

**H 1090**

**An Act relative to virtual charter schools**

Amends charter schools legislation to include virtual schools.

**H 1960**

**An act relative to virtual public schools**

Amends the law to allow for the establishment of unlimited virtual innovation schools. Prohibits the BESE from adopting any regulation or policy that would restrict enrollment or enrollment composition for these schools.

**S 216**

**An Act to Improve Quality Physical Education**

Requires that physical education be taught as a required subject in all schools, in all grades, by licensed teachers, certified in physical education.

**Thomas M. McGee**  
Sal N. DiDomenico  
Mike Rush  
James B. Eldridge  
Patricia D. Jehlen  
Karen E. Spilka

**James Dwyer**  
Stephen DiNatale  
Ellen Story

**Martha Walz**  
William Brownsberger

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Kevin Aguiar  
William Brownsberger  
Paul Donato

William Brownsberger  
Robert Fennell  
Jonathan Hecht  
Kevin Honan  
Stephen Kulik  
Denise Provost  
Kathi-Anne Reinstein  
Carl Sciortino  
Ellen Story

Education Committee

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Education Committee

1/12/2012 Reported favorably as amended  
1/12/2012 New draft substituted H 3873  
Referred to House Ways and Means  
6/21/2011 Hearing  
MTA submitted written testimony in favor with additional committee members added.

1/12/2012 New draft substituted 3873  
Referred to House Ways and Means  
1/12/2012 Reported favorably as amended  
6/21/2011 Hearing  
MTA submitted written testimony to limit virtual schools until further study is completed.

1/12/2012 Reported favorably as amended  
1/12/2012 New draft substituted H 3873  
Referred to House Ways and Means  
6/21/2011 Hearing  
MTA submitted written testimony to limit virtual schools until further study is completed.

3/21/2012 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Education as redrafted, carrying H 1053, H 2709  
9/20/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

**S 190**

**An Act Relative to Healthy Youth**

Requires public schools that offer sexual health education to provide medically accurate, age-appropriate education, consistent with the state's comprehensive health curriculum framework.

**Katherine Clark**  
 Harriette L. Chandler  
 Sonia Chang-Diaz  
 Cynthia Stone Creem  
 Sal N. DiDomenico  
 Kenneth J. Donnelly  
 James B. Eldridge  
 Susan C. Fargo

Denise Andrews  
 Cory Atkins  
 Jennifer Benson  
 Tom Conroy  
 Kay Khan  
 Jason Lewis  
 James Arciero  
 Alice Peisch  
 Denise Provost  
 Tom Sannicandro  
 Carl Sciortino  
 Frank Smizik  
 Ellen Story  
 Dorcena Forry

Education Committee

3/20/2012 Accompanied Study order  
 9/20/2011 Hearing  
 MTA testified in support

**H 1925**

**An Act Establishing a Charter School Working Group**

Establishes a work group to look into financing, caps, innovations promoted and utilization of Horace Mann charters

**Patricia Haddad**

Education Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
 10/18/2011 Hearing  
 MTA submitted written testimony in support.

**H 1926**

**An Act Establishing a Charter School Commission**

Establishes a working group to report on financing and reimbursement provisions for charter schools. Includes obstacles to Horace Mann Charters and various data to be reported about charter school students and teacher information.

Michael Rodrigues

**Patricia Haddad**  
 David Torrisi  
 George Peterson

Education Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied by Study Order  
 10/18/2011 Hearing  
 MTA submitted written testimony in support.

**S 231**

**An Act Establishing a Charter School Working Group**

Establishes a working group to study financing, caps and innovations of charter schools. Includes Horace Mann Charter utilization.

**Karen E. Spilka**  
 James B. Eldridge

Carolyn Dykema  
 Chris Walsh

Education Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order  
 10/18/2011 Hearing  
 MTA submitted written testimony in support.

**S 246**

**An Act Establishing a Charter School Working Group**

Establishes a working group to study financing, caps and innovation promoted of charter schools as well as obstacles to Horace Mann Charter Schools. Also studies student data.

**Bruce E. Tarr**

Stephen DiNatale

Education Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order  
 10/18/2011 Hearing  
 MTA submitted written testimony in support.

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

**H 1054**

**An Act Relative to Educator Excellence**

Sets consistent standards for laws relating to teacher preparation, licensure, induction, evaluation, professional development and re-licensure, to create a seamless, coordinated system, and provides assistance for teachers, administrators and school districts to implement and support high quality teaching and learning.

Sean Garballey

Education Committee

3/8/2012

Accompanied Study Order

6/21/2011

Hearing  
MTA testified in support of a redraft of the bill which would allow for a phase-in of the law

**H 2718**

**An Act Relative to the Composition of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education**

This bill would increase the BESE by two members, both representative of teachers: one, appointed by the Governor from a list of 3 recommended by the MTA, and the other, from a list of 3 recommended by the AFT/MA.

Kay Khan

Education Committee

3/8/2012

Accompanied Study Order

6/21/2011

Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**H 3764**

**An Act Relative to Strengthening Oversight of Education Collaboratives**

This bill incorporates the BESE's recommendations to address structural deficiencies of educational collaboratives, and tightens up fiscal management practices and oversight of services to special needs students. Also, establishes a 14 member Commission for further recommendations, including

Governor Deval Patrick

Education Committee

12/15/2011

Referred to House Ways and Means

12/8/2011

New draft substituted - see HB3837

11/22/2011

Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Education carrying HB1043, HB1047, HB1092

11/8/2011

Hearing scheduled

Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

**S 2050**

**An Act to Prevent Fiscal Abuse in Educational Collaboratives**

Similar to H. 3764, this bill incorporates the BESE's recommendations to address structural deficiencies of educational collaboratives, and tightens up fiscal management practices and oversight of services to special needs students. Also, establishes an 11 member Commission for further recommendations, including the MTA as a member of the Commission.

Sonia Chang-Diaz

Education Committee

- 2/16/2012 Concurred in House amendment(s) as amended
- 1/24/2012 Passed to be engrossed (H 3889)
- 1/10/2012 Passed to be engrossed (S 2105)
- 1/4/2012 Ordered to a third reading  
Placed in the Orders for the Day for next session
- 1/4/2012 New draft substituted - see S 2101
- 1/4/2012 Amendment adopted (S W&M)
- 1/4/2012 Recommended new draft of bill - see SB 2101
- 12/5/2011 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Rules
- 12/5/2011 Referred to S W&M
- 11/28/2011 New draft substituted - see S 2085  
Committee put out same bill language to both House and Senate under two different #s.
- 11/22/2011 Reported favorably as amended by Joint committee on Education
- 11/8/2011 Hearing
- 10/31/2011 Concurred in committee referral
- 10/27/2011 Referred to Joint Committee on Education
- 10/24/2011 Referred to Joint Committee Rules
- 10/24/2011 Filed in Senate

**H 3883**

**INITIATIVE PETITION – TEACHER EVALUATION**

INITIATIVE PETITION – TEACHER EVALUATION:  
The House referred to the Committee on Education H 3883 an initiative petition relative to teacher evaluation.

Stand for Children Initiative

Education Committee

- 1/19/2012 Senate Concurred in committee referral
- 1/17/2012 House referred to the Joint Committee on Education H 3883 an initiative petition relative to teacher evaluation.

**H 3873**

**An Act establishing Commonwealth virtual schools**

Joint Committee on Edu

Education Committee

- 1/12/2012 Referred to House Ways and Means
- 1/12/2012 New draft of H 1050, H 1090, and H 1960

*Education Committee*

*Non MTA Bills*

<p><b><i>H 3974</i></b></p> <p><b>An Act Relative to Authorizing the City of Springfield to Postpone Taking the 2011-2012 MCAS Tests for Students of Said City</b></p> <p>Postpones MCAS testing for March and April until April and May, respectively, for all students in the city of Springfield for school year 2011-2012.</p>		<p>Sean Curran</p>		<p>3/5/2012 Referred to Joint Committee on Education 2/29/2012 Filed in the House</p>
<p><b><i>H 1909</i></b></p> <p><b>An Act to Implement Full-Day Kindergarten</b></p> <p>This redrafted bill would require full day kindergarten in some school districts.</p>		<p>Antonio Cabral</p>		<p>3/8/2012 Redraft reported favorably</p>
<p><b><i>S 185</i></b></p> <p><b>An Act Preventing Students from Dropping Out of School</b></p> <p>This redrafted bill would, among other things, raise the mandatory school attendance age, in phases, to 18; require data reporting as part of Early Warning indicator; requires schools to provide alternative educational services to expelled students; requires Graduation Coaches for at-risk students; all as part of a comprehensive plan to provide support for dropout prevention efforts across the state.</p>	<p>Sonia Chang-Diaz</p>			<p>3/12/2012 New draft substituted - see SB2173 3/8/2012 Redraft reported favorably by Education Committee 9/27/2011 Hearing held</p>

*Higher Education Committee*

*Non MTA Bills*

Higher Education Committee

Non MTA Bills

**S 566 / H 2109**

**An Act Regarding Higher Education Opportunities for High School Graduates in the Commonwealth**

Would allow Massachusetts high school graduates who are undocumented to pay the in-state tuition rate for public colleges and universities.

**Sonia Chang-Diaz**

Sal N. DiDomenico  
James B. Eldridge  
Anthony Petrucci

**Alice Wolf**

Denise Provost  
Cory Atkins  
Denise Andrews  
Cheryl Coakley-Rivera  
Martin Walsh  
Timothy Toomey  
Jonathan Hecht  
Christopher Speranzo  
William Brownsberger  
Kay Khan  
Carlo Basile  
Gloria Fox  
Jeff Sanchez  
Smitty Pignatelli  
Byron Rushing  
David Torrisi  
James O'Day  
Liz Malia  
Carl Sciortino  
Dorcena Forry

Higher Education Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
7/20/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support.

**H 2104**

**An Act Making Faculty Sabbatical Provisions at State Universities Consistent with Other Higher Education Institutions**

Repeals provision that requires faculty at state universities be employed on a full-time basis for seven years before being eligible for a sabbatical leave, allowing collective bargaining agreements to provide for eligibility after six years, which is the standard in higher education.

**John Keenan**

Theodore Speliotis

Higher Education Committee

11/10/2011 New draft H 3805, Reported favorably, Referred to H W&M  
9/26/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support

Public Service Committee

Non MTA Bills

Public Service Committee

Non MTA Bills

**H35/S2018/H3790S2**

**An Act Providing for Additional Pension Reform and Benefits Modernization**

Proposes changes to state and teachers retirement system - mostly for future employees - changes years to average pension from 3 to 5 years, increases age of retirement and number of years to qualify for pension. Reduces pension cost to 10.5% for teachers from 11%. For current and future employees - includes anti-spiking and buy back provisions.

Governor Deval Patrick

Public Service Committee

11/15/2012 H&S Conference Report accepted  
 11/18/2011 Signed into law - Chapter 176 of 2011  
 11/15/2011 H&S Conference Report accepted  
 11/3/2011 House Committee of conference (Scibak-Dempsey-Fattman) appointed  
 11/3/2011 Senate Committee of conference (Clark-Brewer-Knapik) appointed  
 11/2/2011 House passed  
 To be engrossed  
 10/17/2011 Referred to House Ways & Means  
 9/22/2011 Referred to House Committee on Rules  
 9/15/2011 Engrossed by the Senate (24-10)  
 Now S 2018  
 9/12/2011 Redrafted version reported favorable from committee  
 4/7/2011 Hearing  
 Testified in opposition

**S 1290**

**An Act Relative to Health Reimbursement Accounts**

Amends Chapter 32B by allowing a political subdivision which transfers its subscribers to the commission to provide health reimbursement accounts to reimburse subscribers who incur more than \$1,500 in qualified medical expenses per calendar year. The health reimbursement accounts shall be subject to coalition bargaining.

**Kenneth J. Donnelly**  
 James B. Eldridge  
 Michael O. Moore  
 Richard T. Moore

Sean Garballey  
 Jason Lewis  
 Carl Sciortino  
 Frank Smizik  
 Tom Stanley

Public Service Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service  
 3/8/2011 Hearing

**S 1383**

**An Act to Increase Competition in Municipal Health Insurance**

Municipalities shall be prohibited from specifying vendors in their collective bargaining agreements.

**Bruce E. Tarr**

Steven Levy

Public Service Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service  
 3/8/2011 Hearing

**H 2950**

**An Act Relative to Municipal Health Care**

Empowers municipal leaders to unilaterally decide whether to join the GIC or reduce health insurance costs without negotiation. Moves all municipal retirees into Medicare.

Bruce E. Tarr

**Carolyn Dykema**  
 Brian Ashe  
 Cory Atkins  
 William Brownsberger  
 Alice Peisch  
 Chris Walsh

Public Service Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service  
 3/8/2011 Hearing  
 Testified in opposition

Public Service Committee

Non MTA Bills

**S 1381**

**An Act Expanding Insurance Choices for State and Local Employees**

Amends Section 4 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, by requiring that policies purchased by the GIC shall include at least one health savings account in its design.

**Bruce E. Tarr**  
Michael R. Knapik

Benjamin Swan

Public Service Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service  
3/8/2011 Hearing

**H 746**

**An Act Relative to Pension Reform**

State, county, city and town employees shall be covered by 401K coverage with the state, county, city or town providing a 7 percent match. Any employee not vested as of July 2, 2011 may elect to participate in 401K coverage and associated accrued defined benefits may be transferred to 401K coverage with the state, county, city, or municipal 7 percent match. Disability pensions shall continue for such employees who sustain job related injuries that prohibit them from performing work in any gainful capacity. All pension funds shall be managed by the PRIM board. The provisions of this chapter relating to defined benefit plans shall not apply to any employee hired after July 1, 2011.

Robert L. Hedlund

**Daniel Webster**  
Randal Hunt  
Steven Levy

Public Service Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied by study order Joint Committee on Public Service  
4/7/2011 Hearing

**H 2492**

**An Act Relative to Management Rights of Public Employees**

Removes a public employer's authority to bargain collectively and to enter into collective bargaining agreements with respect to matters of inherent management right.

Robert L. Hedlund

**Daniel Winslow**  
Ryan Fattman  
Sheila Harrington  
Bradley Jones  
Steven Levy  
Elizabeth Poirier

Public Service Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order Joint Committee on Public Service  
10/4/2011 Hearing  
Testified in opposition

**H 710**

**An Act to define further teacher for retirement purposes**

Includes school nurses certified by the department of education within the definition of 'teacher' for the purposes of determining eligibility for retirement benefits.

James B. Eldridge  
Jennifer L. Flanagan

**Liz Malia**  
James Dwyer  
Kay Khan  
Sarah Peake  
Denise Provost  
George Ross  
Frank Smizik  
Benjamin Swan  
Timothy Toomey

Public Service Committee

7/20/2011 Ordered to a third reading  
7/18/2011 Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session  
6/14/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support  
2/15/2011 Concurred in committee referral  
2/15/2011 Referred to Joint Committee on Public Service  
1/18/2011 Filed in the House

*Public Service Committee*

*Non MTA Bills*

***H 3580***

**An Act relative to municipal health insurance**

Municipalities can set plan designs that are no greater in dollar amount than the highest co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments or other plan design features offered in the GIC's most utilized plan.

***H 36***

**An Act Further Strengthening the Commonwealth's Partnership with its Municipalities**

Transfers eligible municipal retirees into Medicare, repeals the telecom machinery exemption, and requires each municipality to provide health insurance coverage to its subscribers either through the group insurance commission or through other means with benefits of comparable actuarial value to those provided by the group insurance commission.

***H 2964***

**An Act to Provide Health Insurance Parity for Municipalities and Local Taxpayers**

Proposes that municipal governments should be authorized to make plan design changes without collectively bargaining.

**Governor Deval Patrick**

**Stephen Kulik**  
Richard Bastien  
William Brownsberger  
Linda Dean Campbell  
Martha Walz

Public Service Committee

7/12/2011 Signed by Governor

Public Service Committee

7/12/2011 See H 3580  
Signed  
3/8/2011 Hearing  
Testified

Public Service Committee

3/8/2011 Hearing  
Testified in opposition

*Election Laws Committee*

*Non MTA Bills*

*Election Laws Committee*

*Non MTA Bills*

**S 304**

**An Act relative to disclosure of political spending.**

According to OCPF the changes created in this legislation are unnecessary. The changes also tend to penalize organizations such as the MTA. The bills intent is to clarifies the current disclosure and reporting requirements apply to all political communications allowed under the law; require corporations and labor unions paying for political advertisements to disclose their spending even if the advertisements are made by another group or entity; require entities or groups paying for political ads to report on funds they receive.

**James B. Eldridge**  
Kenneth J. Donnelly  
Dan Wolf

Carl Sciortino  
Jason Lewis  
Jennifer Benson  
William Brownsberger  
Cory Atkins  
James Dwyer  
Linda Dean Campbell  
Kay Khan  
Tom Sannicandro  
George Ross  
Alice Wolf  
Carolyn Dykema  
Lori Ehrlich  
John Fernandes  
Dorcena Forry  
Jonathan Hecht  
Kate Hogan  
Christopher Speranzo  
Ellen Story

Election Laws Committee

3/21/2012 Extension order filed until 6/13/2012  
10/19/2011 Hearing scheduled  
3/1/2011 Concurred in committee referral  
3/1/2011 Referred to Joint Committee on Election Laws  
1/21/2011 Filed in the Senate

**S 305**

**An Act Relative to Accountability for Corporate Political Spending**

Requires corporations chartered in Massachusetts to include the details of their political spending in their quarterly reports to shareholders. Requires any expenditure or combination of expenditures within a single year in excess of \$5,000 to be specifically authorized by a majority of a company's board of

**James B. Eldridge**

Election Laws Committee

3/21/2012 Accompanied study order  
10/19/2011 Hearing scheduled  
3/1/2011 Concurred in committee referral  
3/1/2011 Referred to Joint Committee on Election Laws  
1/21/2011 Filed in the Senate

*Labor and Workforce Development Comm.*

*Non MTA Bills*

**S 916**

**An Act addressing workplace bullying, mobbing, and harassment, without regard to protected class status.**

Provides legal relief for employees who have been harmed psychologically, physically or economically, by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and, provides legal incentive for employers to prevent and respond to abusive mistreatment of employees at work.

**Katherine Clark**

Denise Andrews  
Gloria Fox  
John Scibak  
Frank Smizik  
Ellen Story

Labor and Workforce Development Comm.

2/27/2012 Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development  
7/14/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**Labor and Workforce Development Comm.**

**Non MTA Bills**

**H 2310**

**An Act addressing workplace bullying, mobbing and harassment, without regard to protected class status**

Provides legal relief for employees who have been harmed psychologically, physically or economically, by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and, provides legal incentive for

**Ellen Story**  
Denise Andrews  
Kevin Honan  
Louis Kafka  
Kay Khan  
Peter Kocot  
Benjamin Swan  
Alice Wolf

Labor and Workforce Development Comm.

3/5/2012  
2/27/2012  
7/14/2011

Referred to House Committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling  
Reported favorably by Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development carrying H 2309  
Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**H 2309**

**An Act addressing workplace bullying, mobbing, and harassment, without regard to protected class status**

Provides legal relief for employees who have been harmed psychologically, physically or economically, by being deliberately subjected to abusive work environments; and, provides legal incentive for employers to prevent and respond to abusive mistreatment of employees at work.

**Frank Smizik**  
Alice Wolf

Labor and Workforce Development Comm.

2/27/2012  
7/14/2011

Attached to favorable report by Joint Committee of HB2310  
Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**Revenue Committee**

**Non MTA Bills**

**H 3017**

**An Act Relative to Targeted Investment of Taxpayer Dollars (Film Tax Credit)**

Limits the total amount of tax credits provided in connection with any motion picture production to \$7 million.

James B. Eldridge

**Carl Sciortino**  
Denise Provost  
Liz Malia

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012  
10/6/2011

House Accompanied Study order  
Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**H 1731 / S1554**

**An Act to Protect Main Street Retailers and Promote Sales Tax Fairness in the Commonwealth**

Requires a vendor who engages in internet sales in excess of \$10,000 during the preceding four quarterly periods to residents of the Commonwealth to collect sales tax for sales of personal property or taxable service.

**Martin Walsh**  
Sean Garballey

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012  
4/7/2011

Accompanied Study Order  
Hearing  
Testified in support

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

**S 1450**

**An Act Applying the Sales Tax to Certain Retail Sales Over the Internet**

Defines a vendor as a person who enters into an agreement with a resident of the Commonwealth, under which the resident refers potential customers through a link on an internet website for the "vendor", if the cumulative gross receipts from sales by the person to customers in the Commonwealth is in excess of 10,000 dollars during the preceding twelve months.

**James B. Eldridge**  
Patricia D. Jehlen  
Dan Wolf

Cory Atkins  
Geraldine Creedon  
Carolyn Dykema  
Jason Lewis  
Carl Sciortino

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
4/7/2011 Hearing  
Testified in support

**H 1695**

**An Act to Promote Sales Tax Fairness for Main Street Retailers**

Adopts streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement as created November 12 ,2002. Expands existing definitions, creates many new terms and definitions and classifies various telecommunication services as taxable; further classifies products, services and rental properties as tangible personal property; provides regulations and rules for any tangible personal property and applicable tax treatment of said property.

James B. Eldridge  
Richard T. Moore

**Jay Kaufman**  
Denise Andrews  
Cory Atkins  
Tom Conroy  
Carolyn Dykema  
Lori Ehrlich  
Anne Gobi  
John Keenan  
Jason Lewis  
Liz Malia  
Smitty Pignatelli  
Carl Sciortino  
Frank Smizik

Revenue Committee

8/15/2011 New draft substituted - HB 3673  
8/15/2011 Referred to Joint Committee on Rules  
8/15/2011 Reported favorably as amended by Joint Committee on Revenue  
4/7/2011 Hearing  
Testified in support

**H 2557**

**An Act Relative to the Sales Tax on Certain Tangible Personal Property Shipped or Purchased From a Retailer Outside the Commonwealth**

Proposes that tangible personal property shipped or purchased from a retailer outside the commonwealth, by a purchaser known by the retailer to be a resident of this commonwealth, shall be assessed a sales tax.

**Alice Peisch**

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
4/7/2011 Hearing

**H 1697**

**An Act to reduce childhood obesity by removing the state subsidy for sugared sweetened beverages and candy**

**Kay Khan**

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
5/12/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

**H 2493**

**An Act relative to the repeal of sales tax exemption for aircraft**

**Cory Atkins**  
Denise Provost  
John Scibak  
Ruth Balsler  
George Ross

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
5/12/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in support

**H 1730**

**An Act to repeal the sales tax increase**

Repeals the state sales tax increase, effectively making it five percent.

**David Torrisi**

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
5/12/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in opposition

**H 2535**

**An Act establishing a sales tax holiday in the Commonwealth for the year 2011**

Establishes a tax holiday on August 20, 2011 and August 21, 2011.

Bruce E. Tarr

**Bradley Jones**  
George Peterson  
Bradford Hill  
Elizabeth Poirier  
Viriato deMacedo  
Donald Humason  
Marc Lombardo  
Sheila Harrington  
Randal Hunt  
Jay Barrows  
Shaunna O'Connell  
Susan Gifford  
Daniel Webster  
Todd Smola  
Kevin Kuros  
Angelo Puppolo  
Ryan Fattman  
Daniel Winslow  
Kimberly Ferguson  
Matthew Beaton  
Nicholas Boldyga  
David Viera  
Steven Levy  
Steven Howitt  
Paul Frost  
George Ross

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied study over  
5/12/2011 Hearing  
MTA testified in opposition

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

**H 2570**

**An Act encouraging taxpayers to live free and buy in Massachusetts**

Authorizes that a taxpayer may take a credit against the taxes imposed by Chapter 62 in an amount equal to the sales tax paid by the taxpayer under chapter 64H up to \$300 per tax year, except that such credit shall not exceed \$150 for the tax year beginning on January 1, 2011.

Robert L. Hedlund

**Daniel Winslow**

Donald Wong  
Elizabeth Poirier  
Steven Levy  
Kevin Kuros  
Bradley Jones  
Randal Hunt  
Steven Howitt  
Paul Frost  
Ryan Fattman  
Paul Adams

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012

Accompanied Study Order

5/12/2011

Hearing  
MTA testified in opposition

**H 2996**

**An Act relative to the sales tax**

Repeals the state sales tax increase.

Bruce E. Tarr

**Bradley Jones**

George Peterson  
Bradford Hill  
Elizabeth Poirier  
Viriato deMacedo  
James Lyons  
Donald Humason  
Marc Lombardo  
Sheila Harrington  
Angelo Puppolo  
Randal Hunt  
Shaunna O'Connell  
Susan Gifford  
Jay Barrows  
George Ross  
Richard Bastien  
Daniel Webster  
Todd Smola  
Kevin Kuros  
Ryan Fattman  
Daniel Winslow  
Kimberly Ferguson  
Matthew Beaton  
Nicholas Boldyga  
David Viera  
Steven Levy  
Steven Howitt  
Paul Frost

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012

Accompanied Study Order

5/12/2011

Hearing  
MTA testified in opposition

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

**H 2998**

**An Act Relative to the meals tax holiday**

Establishes an annual Meal Tax Holiday on March 20 through March 26.

**Marc Lombardo**  
 Matthew Beaton  
 Nicholas Boldyga  
 Angelo Puppolo  
 Ryan Fattman  
 Kimberly Ferguson  
 Mike Finn  
 Sean Garballey  
 Susan Gifford  
 Anne Gobi  
 Bradley Jones  
 Kevin Kuros  
 James Lyons  
 Elizabeth Poirier

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
 5/12/2011 Hearing  
 MTA testified in opposition

**H 3004**

**An Act providing for a certain exemption from the sales tax for 2012.**

Establishes a sales tax holiday on August 11, 2012 and August 12, 2012.

**James Murphy**

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
 5/12/2011 Hearing  
 MTA testified in opposition

**H 3005**

**An Act providing for a certain exemption from the sales tax for 2011.**

Establishes a tax holiday on August 13, 2011 and August 14, 2011.

**James Murphy**

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
 5/12/2011 Hearing  
 MTA testified in opposition

**H 756**

**An Act establishing a permanent annual sales tax holiday**

Directs and authorizes the Commissioner of Revenue to annually designate, by July 15 of each calendar year, a two-day weekend in August for tax exemptions for sales.

Bruce E. Tarr  
 James E. Timilty

**James Dwyer**  
 James Arciero  
 Mike Brady  
 Christopher Fallon  
 Randal Hunt  
 Kevin Kuros  
 Steven Levy  
 Marc Lombardo  
 James Lyons  
 Shaunna O'Connell  
 David Sullivan  
 David Torrisi

Revenue Committee 3/8/2012 Accompanied Study Order  
 5/12/2011 Hearing  
 MTA testified in opposition

Revenue Committee

Non MTA Bills

**S 1528**

**An Act establishing a meals tax holiday.**

Establishes a meal tax holiday for the days of March 20-26, 2011.

**Bruce E. Tarr**

Michael R. Knapik  
Robert L. Hedlund  
Michael O. Moore  
Richard T. Moore  
James E. Timilty  
Richard J. Ross

Angelo Puppolo  
Ann-Margaret Ferrante  
Kate Hogan  
Timothy Madden  
Elizabeth Poirier

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012

Accompanied Study Order

5/12/2011

Hearing  
MTA testified in opposition

**H 3673**

**An Act to promote sales tax fairness for Main Street retailers**

Michael R. Knapik  
Richard T. Moore  
Bruce E. Tarr  
James E. Timilty  
Robert L. Hedlund

**Paul McMurtry**  
Brian Ashe  
James Cantwell  
Stephen DiNatale  
James Dwyer  
Lori Ehrlich  
Sean Garballey  
Timothy Madden  
Shaunna O'Connell  
Tom Sannicandro  
Tom Calter  
Sarah Peake  
Ryan Fattman  
Kevin Kuros  
James O'Day  
Elizabeth Poirier  
Frank Smizik  
Ellen Story  
Benjamin Swan  
Kimberly Ferguson  
Thomas Golden  
Kevin Honan  
Smitty Pignatelli  
Daniel Winslow  
Mike Brady

Revenue Committee

8/23/2011

Referred favorably by Joint Committee on Revenue

8/23/2011

Referred to Joint Committee on Rules

**H 3557**

**An Act providing tax deductions for teachers' school supplies**

Would provide a state tax deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.

Revenue Committee

3/8/2012

House accompanied study order

9/15/2011

Hearing  
Testified in support

1/24/2011

Concurred in committee referral

*House Ways and Means*

*Non MTA Bills*

<b>H 3711</b>		<b>Brian Dempsey</b>	House Ways and Means	11/22/2011 Signed - Chapter 194 of 2011 10/20/2011 House Conference Committee appointed - Wagner, Dempsey and Frost 10/13/2011 Passed the Senate 9/15/2011 Passed the House
<p><b>An Act Establishing Expanded Gaming in Massachusetts</b></p> <p>Establishes gaming in the Commonwealth by authorizing the licensing of three casinos and one slot parlor. Includes an Education Fund, which will receive 14% of new revenues from expanded gambling. Amendments to both House and Senate versions would earmark 35% (H) or 1/3 (S) to public</p>				

*Senate Ways and Means*

*Non MTA Bills*

<b>S 2112</b>	<b>Senate Ways and Means</b>		Senate Ways and Means	2/17/2012 Signed by the Governor
<p><b>An Act making appropriations for the FY12 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects</b></p>				

*FY12 State Budget*

*Non MTA Bills*

<b>H 3535</b>			FY12 State Budget	7/12/2011 Signed by Governor 7/11/2011 H Referred to House Committee on Bills in the Third Reading (Attachments C - F) 7/11/2011 H Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means (Attachment B) 7/11/2011 G Returned by the Governor with amendments and vetoes (H 3581) 7/11/2011 G Signed (in part) by the Governor 7/1/2011 S Enacted in the Senate 7/1/2011 H Conference Committee report accepted (150/2) 7/1/2011 S Conference Committee report accepted (33/4) 7/1/2011 H Emergency preamble adopted (2/0) 7/1/2011 H Enacted by the House 7/1/2011 G Laid before the Governor 7/1/2011 S Emergency preamble adopted (2/0) 6/30/2011 H Conference Committee report submitted (H 3401) 6/30/2011 House Session HS - 07/01/2011 11 AM House Chamber 6/30/2011 H Placed in the Orders of the Day for the next session 6/30/2011 H Referred to House Committee on Steering Policy and Scheduling
<p><b>Enacted to Chapter 68 of 2011</b></p>				

*Economic Development and Emerging Technologies*

*Non MTA Bills*

<i>Economic Development and Emerging Technologies</i>		<i>Non MTA Bills</i>			
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<b>S 156</b>	<b>Jack Hart</b>		Economic Development and Emerging Technologies	8/1/2011 7/28/2011 7/27/2011 7/25/2011 7/25/2011 1/21/2011	Enacted, Signed by the Governor S passed to be engrossed H passed to be engrossed S reported favorably by the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies Hearing scheduled JEC Filed in the Senate
<b>An Act to establish a sales tax holiday in August 2011</b> Establishes a tax holiday in 2011 on August 13 and August 14 on specified kinds of items up to the value of \$2,500; directs the Commissioner of Revenue on or before December 31, 2011 shall certify to the Comptroller the amount of sales tax forgone, as well as new revenue raised from personal and corporate					

<i>FY13 State Budget</i>		<i>Non MTA Bills</i>			
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<b>H 2</b>			FY13 State Budget	1/26/2012 1/25/2012	Referred to House Committee on Ways and Means Filed in the House
<b>FY13 State Budget</b> Governor's proposed state budget for FY13, beginning on July 1, 2012.					

*Bolded names indicates lead sponsor(s)*

*Last updated: 3/23/2012*