THESIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

☐ January 22, 2019 - BHE Meeting (Motion to Receive Report Issued by the Transitions in Higher Education: Safeguarding the Interests of Students (THESIS) Working Group and Charge to the Commissioner to Develop Implementation Recommendations)

☐ February 2019- Commissioner outlines the vision and identifies contingencies and timeline for establishing the DHE Office of Student Protection; convenes meeting with NECHE; establishes Advisory Council membership

☐ February - March 2019- DHE develops draft regulations and policies, revised OSFA Participation Agreement

➢ March 5, 2019 BHE Committee Meetings (March 12, 2019 BHE Meeting): DHE staff to provide updates to the Board.

☐ February - April 2019 - informal stakeholder vetting (AICUM, NECHE, AGO, etc.) and legislative discussions if necessary (will include several public comment sessions)

➢ April 30, 2019 BHE Committee Meetings (May 7, 2019 BHE Meeting): DHE staff to provide updates to the Board; target date for approval of formal amendment to OSFA Participation Agreement for OSFA use/institution signature over summer 2019 and implementation for 2019-2020 academic year (if possible)

☐ May 2019 – Revise draft regulations and policies based on informal stakeholder vetting

☐ June 4, 2019 - draft regulations, policies, and motion to put regulations out for public comment distributed to BHE in board packet for review, as well as OSFA Participation Agreement if applicable.

☐ June 11, 2019 – BHE Committee Vote to put draft regulations out for public comment; review draft policies/procedures (which will fill in substance where regulations allow for flexibility); review of formal amendment to OSFA Participation Agreement, for OSFA use/institution signature over summer 2019 and implementation for 2019-2020 academic year (if not done in May)

☐ June 18, 2019 – Full BHE Vote to put draft regulations out for public comment; review draft policies/procedures; review of formal amendment to OSFA Participation Agreement, for OSFA use/institution signature over summer 2019 and implementation for 2019-2020 academic year (if not done in May)

☐ TBD - regulations to be submitted to ANF for review/approval; ANF meets to discuss regulations

☐ June 28, 2019 - draft regulations, small business impact/fiscal effect statements, and the notice of public hearing will be brought to the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office for publication in
the July 12, 2019 edition of the Massachusetts Register; letters will be sent to DHCD/MMA per E.O. 145

☐ July 5, 2019 - the notices of public hearing will be sent to the Boston Globe for publication (publication in the Globe is likely to occur 3-4 days after submission)

☐ July 12, 2019 - publication of draft regulations and notices of public hearing in the Massachusetts Register

☐ July 24, 2019 - Public Hearing date, One Ashburton Place, Room 1401

☐ July 12 - August 9, 2019 - public comment period

☐ Mid-August 2019 - DHE revises draft regulations and policies

☐ By or Before August 22, 2019 - Potential Summer Special Meeting of BHE to approve regulations

☐ No later than October 2019 BHE Meeting (vote on final regulations)

(Final regulation promulgation deadlines TBD depending upon when final BHE vote is taken)