

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 173**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin Swan***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act mandating the accreditation of secondary graphic communications education in vocational and technical schools..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/18/2011</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Mr. Swan of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 173) of Benjamin Swan and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to mandate the accreditation of secondary graphic communications education in vocational and technical schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 518 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act mandating the accreditation of secondary graphic communications education in vocational and technical schools..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any act or acts to the contrary, M.G.L., Chapter 15 is  
2 hereby amended to mandate that all Graphic Communications Education Programs in  
3 Vocational, Technical and Occupational Schools be nationally accredited by the beginning of the  
4 2012 School Year.

5           SECTION 2. The responsibility carrying out this mandate shall be that of the state  
6 director of vocational education, and a status of the same shall be reported to the House of  
7 Representatives and the Senate by the first day of August 2006.