

SENATE No. 224

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 establishing a special commission relative to digital textbooks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Marc R. Pacheco

Carolyn C. Dykema

8th Middlesex

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 224) of Marc R. Pacheco and Carolyn C. Dykema for legislation to establish a special commission relative to digital textbooks. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a special commission relative to digital textbooks.

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. A special commission is hereby established to study and report on how to
2 maximize the use of digital and open textbooks for K-12 and public colleges and universities.
3 The commission shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Commissioner of Education or his
4 designee; the Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee; two representatives of
5 Massachusetts-based textbook companies and a representative of the State I.T. office appointed
6 by the Governor; the House and Senate chairs of the Education and Higher Education
7 committees; a member of the House appointed by the House Minority Leader; and a member of
8 the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader. The commission shall report to the General
9 Court the results of its study, along with recommendations and draft legislation on or before
10 January 31, 2012.