

SENATE No. 2331

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

SENATE, Monday, June 13, 2016

The committee on Education, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 288) of Anne M. Gobi and Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation relative to vocational education transportation for nonresident students and (accompanied by bill, House, No. 312) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., and others relative to out-of-district vocational school transportation, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2331).

For the committee,
Sonia Chang-Diaz

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An Act relative to vocational education transportation for nonresident students.

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. There shall be a special commission to study transportation of students in
2 vocational-technical schools, including in-district vocational technical high schools, regional
3 vocational technical schools and agricultural schools. The commission shall consist of 13
4 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, or designees, who
5 shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the senate minority leader, or a designee; the house
6 minority leader, or a designee; the secretary of education, or a designee; the commissioner of
7 elementary and secondary education, or a designee; and 7 persons to be appointed by the
8 secretary of education, 2 of whom shall be selected from a list of 4 persons nominated by the
9 Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, provided that the list includes a
10 representative from an agricultural school; 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons
11 nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools; 1 of whom shall be selected
12 from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association, provided
13 that the list includes parents of children enrolled in vocational technical schools; 1 of whom shall
14 be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School

15 Superintendents, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the
16 Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials; and 1 of whom shall be selected from a
17 list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.

18 SECTION 2. The commission shall examine, report and make recommendations on
19 topics including, but not limited to: (1) the laws governing vocational education transportation
20 reimbursements and (2) regional student transportation costs.

21 SECTION 3. The first meeting of the commission shall take place within 60 days after
22 the effective date of this act. The commission shall file a report containing its recommendations,
23 including legislation and regulations necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the clerks
24 of the house and senate not later than 12 months following the first meeting of the commission.