

**SENATE . . . . . No. 278**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Benjamin B. Downing***

*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 commissioning a study of vocational education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 278) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to commission a study of vocational education. Education.

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

An Act commissioning a study of vocational education.

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

1           The department of elementary and secondary education shall conduct a study to evaluate  
2 the availability of high quality, chapter 74-approved vocational education programs in all regions  
3 of the Commonwealth. The study shall consider whether students in all municipalities and school  
4 districts have reasonable access to vocational programs.

5           If the department determines that access to vocational education is inadequate, the  
6 department, in consultation with the Massachusetts school building authority, shall submit a  
7 report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the areas in which access is inadequate and  
8 an estimate of the cost of establishing new vocational programs to meet the unmet demand.