

**SENATE . . . . . No. 325**

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**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:
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 325) of Marc R. Pacheco, Bruce E. Tarr, Michael D. Brady, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a special commission relative to digital textbooks. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 256 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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           A special commission is hereby established to study and report on how to maximize the  
2 use of digital and open textbooks for K-12 and public colleges and universities. The commission  
3 shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Commissioner of Education or his designee; the  
4 Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee; two representatives of Massachusetts-based  
5 textbook companies and a representative of the State I.T. office appointed by the Governor; the  
6 House and Senate chairs of the Education and Higher Education committees; a member of the  
7 House appointed by the House Minority Leader; and a member of the Senate appointed by the  
8 Senate Minority Leader. The commission shall report to the General Court the results of its  
9 study, along with recommendations and draft legislation on or before January 31, 2016.