

**SENATE . . . . . No. 338**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 increasing accountability of DESE contracts.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 338) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Robert L. Hedlund and others for legislation relative to DESE contracts. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 271 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act increasing accountability of DESE contracts.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 15 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           1U. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, neither the  
4 Commissioner nor any designee shall enter into any contract for the development or submission  
5 of any application for funding from the federal government of the United States unless and until  
6 the contract is approved by a vote of the board following written notice to the board of the  
7 contents of the contract and a fair opportunity for deliberation on the approval or disapproval of  
8 such contract.