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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:
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*

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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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

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

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