

HOUSE No. 250

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson

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 to study vocational education transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2017</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 250) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the transportation of students in vocational-technical schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2331 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act establishing a special commission to study vocational education transportation.

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.