

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3480**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Paul McMurtry***

*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 encouraging academic success.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>	
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3480) of Paul McMurtry and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the start and end times for school days at public elementary and secondary schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           There is hereby established a special commission to study the optimal start and end times  
2 for school days at public elementary and secondary schools in the commonwealth. The  
3 commission shall consist of 5 members: the commissioner of elementary and secondary  
4 education, who shall serve as the chair; 1 member of the house of representatives, to be  
5 appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member of the senate, to be appointed by the president  
6 of the senate; and 2 members to be appointed by the governor. The commission shall study the  
7 mental and physical effects of a later start time for school days on students, and the social,  
8 economic and safety concerns of such a later start time. The commission may conduct public  
9 hearings, forums or meetings to gather information. The commission shall report its findings to  
10 the governor and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, together with any  
11 recommendations for legislation, within 2 years of the effective date of this act.