

SENATE No. 265

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam G. Hinds

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 commissioning a study of vocational education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 265) of Adam G. Hinds, William Smitty Pignatelli, Robert M. Koczera, Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for legislation to commission a study of vocational education. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 278 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act commissioning a study of vocational education.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The department of elementary and secondary education shall conduct a study to evaluate
2 the availability of high quality, chapter 74-approved vocational education programs in all regions
3 of the Commonwealth. The study shall consider whether students in all municipalities and school
4 districts have reasonable access to vocational programs.

5 If the department determines that access to vocational education is inadequate, the
6 department, in consultation with the Massachusetts school building authority, shall submit a
7 report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the areas in which access is inadequate and
8 an estimate of the cost of establishing new vocational programs to meet the unmet demand.