

SENATE No. 290

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 relative to education collaboratives.

PETITION OF:

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Second Essex and Middlesex

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

An Act relative to education collaboratives.

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. Subsection (c) of section 4E of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 39 to 40,
3 inclusive, the words, “The commissioner shall appoint an individual to serve as a voting member
4 of the education collaborative board of directors;” and inserting in place thereof the words:- The
5 commissioner shall appoint an individual to serve as a liaison from the department of elementary
6 and secondary education to the education collaborative board of directors;.

7 SECTION 2. Said subsection (c) of said section 4E of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is
8 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 106 to 108, inclusive, the words “in a form
9 approved by the department of revenue and in a sum not less than the amount established by the
10 department,” and inserting in place thereof the words:- in a form approved by the department of
11 revenue and in a sum not less than the amount established by said department.

12 SECTION 3. Said subsection (c) of said section 4E of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is
13 hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 130 to 131, the words “and articles of
14 incorporation”.

15 SECTION 4. Said section 4E of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
16 adding the following subsections:-

17 (n) Education collaboratives shall be organized into no more than 6 regions established
18 by the board of elementary and secondary education, in consultation with the Massachusetts
19 Organization of Educational Collaboratives. One collaborative from each region shall be
20 designated by majority vote of the member collaboratives as a regional liaison for a period of 3
21 years. Each regional liaison shall: (1) identify regional needs and priorities for educational
22 services; (2) develop policies to coordinate the delivery of services to school districts in a
23 manner that responds to regional needs and priorities; and (3) work in partnership with the
24 department of elementary and secondary education and other regional entities, including but not
25 limited to, district and school assistance centers, readiness centers, and workforce investment
26 boards, to coordinate the dissemination of information and support to districts. The department
27 shall, subject to appropriation, provide grants to regional liaisons to support their planning and
28 coordination activities.

29 (o) For a particular state initiative, the board of elementary and secondary education may
30 designate a lead collaborative in each region to provide support for the implementation of that
31 initiative. The board of elementary and secondary education shall accept applications for such
32 designation and choose the applicant best suited to lead the particular initiative.

33 (p) The department shall promote the use of education collaboratives as providers of
34 educational services and programs for local school districts, when appropriate, and shall include
35 consideration of grant applications that include the use of education collaboratives for the
36 purpose of procuring services and programs. The department may designate educational
37 collaboratives as eligible recipients and local education agencies for any federal or state grants to
38 cities, towns, and regional school districts for educational programs.

39 (q) An education collaborative formed under this section may provide services to
40 developmentally disabled individuals over the age of 22, upon approval from the board of
41 directors and the secretary of the executive office of health and human services and shall be
42 subject to the programmatic rules and regulations of the relevant agency.

43 SECTION 5. Section 4 of chapter 43 of the acts of 2012 is hereby repealed.

44 SECTION 6. Subsection (n) of section 4E of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as inserted
45 by section 4, shall take effect 12 months from the effective date of this act.

46 SECTION 7. The board of elementary and secondary education shall promulgate
47 regulations as may be necessary to carry out this act.