

SENATE No. 304

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 relative to digital textbooks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 304) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a special commission relative to digital textbooks. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 325 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act establishing a special commission relative to digital textbooks.

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

1 A special commission is hereby established to study and report on how to maximize the
2 use of digital and open textbooks for K-12 and public colleges and universities. The commission
3 shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Commissioner of Education or his designee; the
4 Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee; two representatives of Massachusetts-based
5 textbook companies and a representative of the State I.T. office appointed by the Governor; the
6 House and Senate chairs of the Education and Higher Education committees; a member of the
7 House appointed by the House Minority Leader; and a member of the Senate appointed by the
8 Senate Minority Leader. The commission shall report to the General Court the results of its
9 study, along with recommendations and draft legislation on or before January 31, 2018.