

SENATE No. 319

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 enhancing special education services delivery.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 319) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to enhancing special education services delivery. Education.

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

An Act relative to enhancing special education services delivery.

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. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the department
2 of elementary and secondary education in partnership with one or more Massachusetts
3 institutions of higher learning, local educational authorities and private educational providers,
4 shall study the delivery of special education services in the commonwealth pursuant to chapter
5 71B of the General Laws and all applicable federal laws, including the Individuals with
6 Disabilities Educational Act of 1990.

7 Said study shall include a comprehensive evaluation of existing and potential models for
8 providing special education, and the associated costs and benefits, including but not limited to
9 the costs of personnel compensation, transportation, housing and assistive technologies. Said
10 study shall also seek to identify means by which services and instruction may be provided in a
11 proactive manner, without the requirement or need for an individual education plan, but so as to
12 maximize learning progress in local educational settings.

13 Said study, together with any legislative recommendations, shall be filed with the joint
14 committee on education and the clerks of the senate and the house of representatives not later
15 than May 1, 2019.”