

**SENATE . . . . . No. 699**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*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 to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 699) of Thomas M. McGee, Jonathan Hecht and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 674 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students.

*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 30A of Chapter 69 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding at the end  
2 of the first paragraph the following:--

3           Provided further in establishing said standards, the Board shall require textbooks and all  
4 other source-related materials be made available in both Braille and electronic versions to legally  
5 blind students who request them.