

SENATE No. 302

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eric P. Lesser

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 calling for a comprehensive study of vocational education in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 302) of Eric P. Lesser, Donald F. Humason, Jr., José F. Tosado and Mindy Domb for legislation to call for a comprehensive study of vocational education in the Commonwealth. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act calling for a comprehensive study of vocational education in the Commonwealth.

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 general or special law to the contrary, the department
2 of elementary and secondary education shall conduct a study to evaluate the availability of high
3 quality, chapter 74-approved vocational education programs in all regions of the
4 Commonwealth. The study shall include, but not be limited to: (1) whether students in all
5 municipalities and school districts have reasonable access to vocational programs; (2) whether
6 students in all municipalities have access to adequate transportation to vocational education
7 programs; (3) whether regional and in-district vocational education programs have access to
8 acceptable equipment; (4) whether regional and in-district regional vocational education
9 programs have adequate oversight and accountability measures in place; and (5) whether regions
10 with a strong presence of a certain industry have adequate vocational education programs
11 relating to said industry.

12 If the department determines that access to, or oversight of, vocational education is
13 inadequate, the department, in consultation with the Massachusetts school building authority,
14 shall submit a report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the areas in which access is
15 inadequate and an estimate of the cost of establishing new vocational programs to meet the
16 unmet demand.