

SENATE No. 341

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 the creation of a Educational Unfunded Mandate Task Force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 341) of Bruce E. Tarr, Josh S. Cutler, Diana DiZoglio, Dean A. Tran and other members of the General Court for legislation to create an Educational Unfunded Mandate Task Force. Education.

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

An Act relative to the creation of a Educational Unfunded Mandate Task Force.

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. There shall be an educational mandate task force to review existing state
2 mandates placed on public schools and districts in the Commonwealth. The task force shall
3 consist of 11 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education, or their
4 designees, who shall serve as the co-chairs of the task force; a member of the general court
5 appointed by the senate minority leader; a member of the general court appointed by the house
6 minority leader; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or a designee; and 6
7 persons to be appointed by the secretary of education, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of
8 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, 1 of whom
9 shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School
10 Committees, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the
11 Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list
12 of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators' Association, 1
13 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Elementary

14 School Principals' Association, and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons
15 nominated by the Massachusetts Administrators of Special Education.

16 The task force shall: (i) identify and review the state laws, regulations, and administrative
17 directives that prescribe requirements for school districts, including those that require school
18 districts to prepare and submit reports and data to the department of elementary and secondary
19 education (ii) develop recommendations to streamline, consolidate, or eliminate such mandates
20 or reporting requirements that are not fully funded and (iii) determine the total estimated cost of
21 said unfunded mandates on municipalities to consider those figures in the annual fiscal year
22 budget.

23 The first meeting of the task force shall take place within 60 days of the effective date of
24 this act. The task force shall file a report containing its findings and recommendations, including
25 legislative recommendations, if any, with the clerks of the house and senate not later than 12
26 months following the first meeting of the task force. Prior to issuing its recommendations, the
27 task force shall conduct at least one public hearing to receive testimony from members of the
28 public."