

HOUSE No. 01050

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Dwyer

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a virtual school working group.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul J. Andrews</i>	<i>Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents</i>
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By Mr. James J. Dwyer of Woburn, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01050) of Ellen Story and others relative to establishing a virtual school working group to study the feasibility of providing instruction to students through distance learning, including online learning programs and courses. Joint Committee on Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a virtual school working group.

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 is hereby established a virtual school working group to study the
- 2 establishment virtual public schools that provide instruction to students through distance
- 3 learning, including online learning programs and courses.

- 4 SECTION 2. The working group shall consist of: the speaker of the house of representatives, or
- 5 his designee, who shall serve as co-chair; the president of the senate, or his designee, who shall
- 6 serve as co-chair; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on education; the secretary
- 7 of education, or her designee; one appointee from the Massachusetts Association of School
- 8 Superintendents; one appointee from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees; one
- 9 appointee of the Governor which shall be an individual with a distance learning background; and
- 10 the Commissioner of Education, or his designee.

- 11 SECTION 3. In carrying out its charge, the working group shall examine, report on, and make
- 12 recommendations regarding, the following matters:-
- 13 a) Enrollment procedures including school district notification of intent
- 14 b) Time frame of planning and establishment of virtual school
- 15 c) Student recruitment and retention information