

HOUSE No. 425

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert M. Koczera

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 establishing an educational mandate task force.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 425) of Robert M. Koczera and others relative to establishing an educational mandate task force (including members of the General Court) to review all existing state mandates imposed on public schools and districts in the Commonwealth. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 459 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing an educational 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 all existing state
2 mandates imposed 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; the secretary of education, or a
5 designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or a designee; a
6 representative of the division of local mandates, appointed by the state auditor; the executive
7 director of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, or a designee; the
8 executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, or a designee; the
9 executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials, or a designee;
10 the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Secondary School Principals, or a

11 designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Elementary School
12 Principals, or a designee; and the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of Special
13 Education Administrators, or a designee.

14 The task force shall: (i) identify and review all existing mandates imposed on school
15 districts by state law or regulation, including school and district reporting requirements; (ii)
16 determine the costs of such mandates and reporting requirements to school districts; and (iii)
17 identify opportunities to streamline, consolidate, or eliminate such mandates or reporting
18 requirements that are duplicative or inconsistent with current laws, regulations or practices.

19 The task force shall file a report containing its findings and recommendations, including
20 legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the clerks of the house and senate
21 not later than 6 months following the first meeting of the task force.