

SENATE No. 1549

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An act creating accountability for legislative reports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bruce E. Tarr

First Essex and Middlesex

Robert L. Hedlund

Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1549) of Bruce E. Tarr and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation to create accountability for legislative reports. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An act creating accountability for legislative reports.

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. Section 12 of chapter 68 of the Acts of 2011 is hereby amended by striking
2 the words:- “and (9) collaborate with other state agencies, authorities and other entities to carry
3 out these purposes.” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 (9) track all reports, whether completed or not, required by law to be performed by all
5 secretariats, commissions, departments, agencies, quasi-state agencies or entities of the
6 commonwealth; (10) make all legislative directives conspicuously available and accessible
7 online in searchable format on the office of commonwealth performance, accountability and
8 transparency website; and (11) collaborate with other state agencies, authorities and other entities
9 to carry out these purposes.”

10 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all
11 commissions, secretariats, departments, agencies, quasi-state agencies or entities of the
12 commonwealth required by law to file a report with the clerks of the house of representatives and
13 the senate, or with the chairs of any legislative committee, shall file said report via electronic
14 means and shall provide an electronic copy of the report to the office of commonwealth
15 performance, accountability and transparency. Said office of commonwealth performance,
16 accountability and transparency shall monitor the progress of all required reports and
17 prominently make all reports available to the public via its website. A secretariat, department,
18 agency, quasi-state agency or any other entity of the commonwealth shall provide a copy in hard
19 copy format of any report upon request.