

SENATE No. 276

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:

Eric P. Lesser

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Lesser, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 276) of Eric P. Lesser for legislation to call for a comprehensive study of vocational education in the Commonwealth. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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

11 If the department determines that access to, or oversight of, vocational education is
12 inadequate, the department, in consultation with the Massachusetts school building authority,
13 shall submit a report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the areas in which access is

- 14 inadequate and an estimate of the cost of establishing new vocational programs to meet the
- 15 unmet demand.