

**SENATE . . . . . No. 583**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*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 to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*Third Essex*

*Sal N. DiDomenico*

*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 583) of Thomas M. McGee and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students. Higher Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION

SEE

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□ , NO. 561 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to ensure equal access to college course materials for visually impaired students.

*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 30A of Chapter 69 shall be amended by adding at the  
2 end of the first paragraph the following sentence :-- Provided further in establishing said  
3 standards, the Board shall require textbooks and all other source-related materials be made  
4 available in both Braille and electronic versions to legally blind students who request them.