

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 455**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Alice Hanlon Peisch*

*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 a commission to study vocational-technical schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 455) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study vocational-technical schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4017 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act establishing a commission to study vocational-technical schools.

*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 a special commission to study the role of vocational-  
2 technical schools, including regional vocational technical schools and agricultural schools. The  
3 commission shall consist of 13 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on  
4 education, or designees, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the senate minority  
5 leader, or a designee; the house minority leader, or a designee; the secretary of education, or a  
6 designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, or a designee; and 7 persons  
7 to be appointed by the secretary of education, 2 of whom shall be selected from a list of 4  
8 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators, provided  
9 that the list includes a representative from an agricultural school; 1 of whom shall be selected  
10 from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools; 1 of

11 whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Teachers  
12 Association, provided that the list includes vocational-technical teachers; 1 of whom shall be  
13 selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the American Federation of Teachers of  
14 Massachusetts, provided that the list includes vocational-technical teachers; 1 of whom shall be  
15 selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School  
16 Superintendents, Inc.; and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the  
17 Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.

18 SECTION 2. The commission shall examine, report and make recommendations on  
19 topics including, but not limited to: (1) the laws governing vocational education; (2) the laws  
20 governing regional district agreements; (3) student enrollment and the admissions process for  
21 students, including out-of-district students; (4) student transportation costs; (5) capital  
22 improvements and investments, including capital instructional equipment; (6) finance structures,  
23 including vocational education tuition; (7) the affiliation of vocational technical schools to  
24 community colleges; and (8) other matters pertaining to vocational education.

25 SECTION 3. The first meeting of the commission shall take place within 60 days after  
26 the effective date of this act. The commission shall file a report containing its recommendations,  
27 including legislation and regulations necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the clerks  
28 of the house and senate not later than 12 months following the first meeting of the commission.