

HOUSE No. 663

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 encouraging academic success.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 663) of Paul McMurtry and Kathleen R. LaNatra for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the start and end times for school days at public elementary and secondary schools. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 529 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established a special commission to study the optimal start and end times
2 for school days at public elementary and secondary schools in the commonwealth. The
3 commission shall consist of 5 members: the commissioner of elementary and secondary
4 education, who shall serve as the chair; 1 member of the house of representatives, to be
5 appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member of the senate, to be appointed by the president
6 of the senate; and 2 members to be appointed by the governor. The commission shall study the
7 mental and physical effects of a later start time for school days on students, and the social,
8 economic and safety concerns of such a later start time. The commission may conduct public
9 hearings, forums or meetings to gather information. The commission shall report its findings to

- 10 the governor and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, together with any
- 11 recommendations for legislation, within 2 years of the effective date of this act.