

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2256**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court**  
**(2017-2018)**  
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SENATE, Thursday, January 25, 2018

The committee on Education to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 265) of Adam G. Hinds, William Smitty Pignatelli, Robert M. Koczera, Julian Cyr and other members of the General Court for legislation to commission a study of vocational education,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2256).

For the committee,  
Sonia Chang-Diaz

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An Act commissioning a study of vocational education.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The department of elementary and secondary education shall, subject to appropriation,  
2           conduct a study to evaluate the availability of high quality, chapter 74-approved vocational  
3           education programs in all regions of the Commonwealth. The study shall consider whether  
4           students in all municipalities and school districts have reasonable access to vocational programs.

5           If the department determines that access to vocational education is inadequate, the  
6           department, in consultation with the Massachusetts school building authority, shall submit a  
7           report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the areas in which access is inadequate and  
8           an estimate of the cost of establishing new vocational programs to meet the unmet demand.