

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2258**

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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. 276) of Eric P. Lesser for legislation to call for a comprehensive study of vocational education in the Commonwealth,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2258).

For the committee,  
Sonia Chang-Diaz

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

12           If the department determines that access to, or oversight of, vocational education is  
13          inadequate, the department, in consultation with the Massachusetts school building authority,

14 shall submit a report to the clerks of the house and senate detailing the areas in which access is  
15 inadequate and an estimate of the cost of establishing new vocational programs to meet the  
16 unmet demand.