

SENATE No. 2501

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

SENATE, Thursday, October 20, 2016

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Senate Bill relative to vocational education transportation for nonresident students (Senate, No. 2331),-- reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting a new draft entitled "Resolve establishing a special commission on vocational education transportation" (Senate, No. 2501).

For the committee,
Karen E. Spilka

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Resolve establishing a special commission on vocational education transportation.

1 **Resolved**, that there shall be a special commission to study transportation of students
2 enrolled in vocational-technical schools, including in-district vocational technical high schools,
3 regional vocational technical schools and agricultural schools. The commission shall examine,
4 report and make recommendations on topics including, but not limited to: the statutes governing
5 vocational education transportation reimbursements and regional student transportation costs.

6 The commission shall consist of 13 members: the house and senate chairs of the joint
7 committee on education or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the
8 senate minority leader or a designee; the house minority leader or a designee; the secretary of
9 education or a designee; the commissioner of elementary and secondary education or a designee;
10 and 7 members who shall be appointed by the secretary of education, 2 of whom shall be
11 selected from a list of 4 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational
12 Administrators, Inc. that shall include not less than 1 person who is a representative of an
13 agricultural school as a nominee, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated
14 by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools, Inc., 1 of whom shall be selected from a
15 list of 3 parents of children enrolled in vocational technical schools and nominated by the

16 Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons
17 nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc., 1 of whom shall be
18 selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Business
19 Officials and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the
20 Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.

21 The first meeting of the commission shall take place within 60 days of the effective date
22 of this act. The commission shall file a report containing its recommendations, including any
23 proposed legislative or regulatory changes necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the
24 clerks of the senate and house of representatives not later than 12 months following the first
25 meeting of the commission.