SENATE No. 263

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

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 special commission to study vocational education transportation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Anne M. Gobi	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and	
	Middlesex	
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden	1/24/2017
Carmine L. Gentile	13th Middlesex	1/24/2017
Richard J. Ross	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	1/24/2017
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	2/1/2017
Leonard Mirra	2nd Essex	2/1/2017
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/3/2017
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	2/3/2017
Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.	5th Worcester	2/3/2017
Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden	2/3/2017
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	2/8/2017

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 263) of Anne M. Gobi, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Carmine L. Gentile, Richard J. Ross and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a special commission to study vocational education transportation. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 2331 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act establishing a special commission to study vocational education transportation.

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

nominated by the Massachusetts Association of Regional Schools; 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Parent Teacher Association, provided that the list includes parents of children enrolled in vocational technical schools; 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials; and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc.

SECTION 2. The commission shall examine, report and make recommendations on topics including, but not limited to: (1) the laws governing vocational education transportation reimbursements and (2) regional student transportation costs.

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