

SENATE No. 278

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 commissioning a study of vocational education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

Marjorie C. Decker

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and
Hampden*

25th Middlesex

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 278) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to commission a study of vocational education. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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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 conduct a study to evaluate
2 the availability of high quality, chapter 74-approved vocational education programs in all regions
3 of the Commonwealth. The study shall consider whether students in all municipalities and school
4 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.