

SENATE No. 311

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Karen E. Spilka

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 to promote global trade and economic development through biliteracy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/6/2017</i>

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 311) of Karen E. Spilka, Jack Lewis, Lori A. Ehrlich, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote global trade and economic development through biliteracy. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2529 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act to promote global trade and economic development through biliteracy.

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. Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 1P the following section:-

3 Section 1Q. The commissioner shall develop criteria and guidelines for a state seal of
4 biliteracy to be awarded by school districts to recognize high school graduates who have met
5 academic benchmarks determined by the department in 1 or more languages in addition to
6 English.

7 The department shall develop an insignia to be affixed to the diploma or transcript of a
8 student who has been awarded a state seal of biliteracy and make the insignia available to school
9 districts in an electronic format for the preparation of diplomas. A school district that chooses to

10 award the state seal of biliteracy to qualifying students pursuant to this section shall maintain
11 appropriate records to identify students who have earned a state seal of biliteracy and to affix the
12 appropriate insignia to the diplomas or transcripts of those students.

13 SECTION 2. The department of elementary and secondary education shall consider the
14 recommendations of the language opportunity coalition in developing the guidelines for the state
15 seal of biliteracy pursuant to section 1Q of chapter 69 of the General Laws.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall apply to school years beginning on and after the 2019-2020
17 school year.