

SENATE No. 317

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 increasing accountability of DESE contracts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 317) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to increase accountability of DESE contracts. Education.

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

An Act increasing accountability of DESE contracts.

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. Section 1 of chapter 15 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 1U. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, neither the
4 Commissioner nor any designee shall enter into any contract for the development or submission
5 of any application for funding from the federal government of the United States unless and until
6 the contract is approved by a vote of the board following written notice to the board of the
7 contents of the contract and a fair opportunity for deliberation on the approval or disapproval of
8 such contract.