

SENATE No. 338

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 338) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Donald F. Humason, Jr., Robert L. Hedlund and others for legislation relative to DESE contracts. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 271 OF 2013-2014.]

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

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 2014
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.