

SENATE No. 61

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a special commission to review advancements in educational technology, digital/online learning and related programs in order to provide the Administration, the Legislature, Municipalities and all other interested parties with the most current research and information concerning educational technology and content to assess the feasibility of state, local and private educational systems adopting, implementing or integrating current technology to enhance and improve the educational experience for students and educational professionals while reducing costs for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/8/2021</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 61) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a special commission to review advancements in educational technology, digital/online learning and related programs. Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

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1 **Resolved**, WHEREAS there have been exceptional advancements and innovation with
2 educational technology in recent years, and

3 WHEREAS the current pandemic has demonstrated the need to upgrade the methodology
4 of providing educational instruction and innovation to insure that our citizens and educational
5 professionals are properly served, and

6 WHEREAS it is necessary that our public officials and educational professionals to have
7 the best possible information about the available resources to adequately provide educational
8 opportunities for all of their constituents and particularly the underserved populations. It is
9 hereby

10 Resolved, that a special commission be established to review advancements in
11 educational technology, digital/online learning and related programs in order to provide the
12 Administration, the Legislature, Municipalities and all other interested parties with the most
13 current research and information concerning educational technology and content to assess the
14 feasibility of state, local and private educational systems adopting, implementing or integrating
15 improved technology to enhance the educational experience for students and educational
16 professionals and reduce costs for the citizens of the Commonwealth.

17 The commission shall consist of 10 members as follows: the secretary of technology
18 services and security, the chairman of the board of higher education, the chair of the board of
19 elementary and secondary education, or their designee(s) and 5 members appointed by the
20 governor: one of whom shall represent either umass online or mass colleges online, one of whom
21 shall be from the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts, two of
22 whom shall be representatives of digital learning technology and content companies , two of
23 whom shall be a representatives of U.S. -based, large technology companies with a significant
24 component in educational technology who have a business presence in the Commonwealth.

25 In addition to an analysis of the technology the commission shall address issues such as
26 improving access to underserved populations,public/private partnerships, cost containment and
27 the integration of educational technology in non-traditional venues.

28 Appointments to the commission shall be made within 30 days of the Governor's
29 approval of this Resolve.

30 The commission shall report to the Governor and the general court the results of its study
31 and recommendations by filing the same with the Governor and the clerk of the house of
32 representatives within 180 days of the appointments to the Commission.