

By Ms. Swanson of Brockton, petition of Ann C. Gannett and Karen Swanson for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to broadening the vocational education program. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY TO BROADEN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three
2 members of the senate, five members of the house of represen-
3 tatives and fifteen persons appointed by the Governor, one of
4 whom shall be the commissioner of education or his designee, three
5 members appointed by the chancellor of higher education to
6 represent the three segments of public higher education, communi-
7 ty colleges, state colleges, and universities, one a member of the
8 Massachusetts Advisory Council on Vocational Technical
9 Education, one a superintendent-director of a regional vocational
10 technical school, one a superintendent or principal of a local or
11 regional high school in a city of over one hundred fifty thousand
12 population, one a principal of a comprehensive high school, one a
13 superintendent or principal of a local or regional high school in a
14 town of under thirty thousand population, one a representative
15 from industry, one a representative from small business, one a
16 representative from a labor union who is not an educator, and
17 three students representing three different types of schools, for the
18 purpose of making an investigation and study of vocational,
19 technical and career oriented non-liberal arts education in the
20 public high schools, including comprehensive high schools, the
21 regional vocational technical schools, public trade schools, and the
22 public institutions of higher learning. Said investigation and study
23 shall include an examination of the number of students served in

24 each type of school, the percentages of male, female and minority
25 students; the programs offered and to whom, the availability and
26 accessibility of such programs and their applicability to employ-
27 ment opportunities; the total cost, including all local, state and
28 federal funds for facilities, staff, equipment and maintenance per
29 student in each type of school, a comparison of such costs and
30 programs with each other; the on-going contacts with industry and
31 small business; any possible correlation of programs offered in
32 secondary schools and in institutions of higher learning; guidance
33 and promotional techniques; methods for encouraging active
34 cooperation between local school committees and the school
35 committees of area vocational technical schools, including
36 encouraging open meetings between such committees; and any
37 other matters related thereto.

38 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of
39 its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any,
40 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommen-
41 dations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
42 representatives on or before the last Wednesday in April, nineteen
43 hundred and seventy-eight.