

By Ms. Donovan of Woburn, petition of Carol A. Donovan and other members of the General Court relative to requiring the Board of Education to submit an impact report on any proposed new regulations. Education, Arts and Humanities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF ANY NEW REGULATIONS.

*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 1B of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1994 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the  
3 end of paragraph 22 the following sentences: —  
4 The board shall submit proposed regulations to the clerks of the  
5 house of representatives and the senate who shall refer said regu-  
6 lations to the joint committee on education, arts and humanities.  
7 Said regulations shall be accompanied by an impact statement  
8 which provides a detailed analysis of the impact on no fewer than  
9 ten representative school districts, including all costs which would  
10 be required by the implementation of such regulations. Within fif-  
11 teen days of such referral the joint committee shall conduct a  
12 hearing on the proposed regulations. Within fifteen days of the  
13 close of the hearings, the committee shall transmit in writing to  
14 the board its recommendations for modifications to said regula-  
15 tions. Within fifteen days of receipt of any such recommendations,  
16 the board shall resubmit said regulations to said committee  
17 together with any modifications made thereto. If the general court  
18 takes no final action relative to said regulations within sixty days  
19 of the date on which said regulations are first referred to the com-  
20 mittee, said regulations may be filed with the state secretary pur-  
21 suant to the provisions of section five of chapter thirty A. No such

22 regulations shall take effect until filed with the secretary of state  
23 in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.