

**SENATE . . . . . No. 324**

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**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 bill:

An Act establishing a special commission relative to digital textbooks.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 324) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to establish a special commission relative to digital textbooks. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 304 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act establishing a special commission relative to digital textbooks.

*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. A special commission is hereby established to study and report on how to  
2 maximize the use of digital and open textbooks for K-12 and public colleges and universities.  
3 The commission shall consist of 11 members as follows: the Commissioner of Education or his  
4 designee; the Commissioner of Higher Education or his designee; two representatives of  
5 Massachusetts-based textbook companies and a representative of the State I.T. office appointed  
6 by the Governor; the House and Senate chairs of the Education and Higher Education  
7 committees; a member of the House appointed by the House Minority Leader; and a member of  
8 the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader. The commission shall report to the General  
9 Court the results of its study, along with recommendations and draft legislation on or before  
10 January 31, 2020.