

SENATE No. 1605

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to promote value and efficiency in the delivery of state services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> [District] <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> [District] <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1605) of Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr, Cory Atkins, John V. Fernandes and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote value and efficiency in the delivery of state services. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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An Act to promote value and efficiency in the delivery of state services.

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 31A of chapter 7 of the general laws, as appearing in the
2 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out said section, and inserting in place
3 thereof, the following new section:

4 Section 31A. There shall be within the executive office for administration and
5 finance a value and efficiency board to administer a process for receiving suggestions from state
6 employees and retirees for the improvement of state programs and services to provide greater
7 value and efficiency in the delivery of said programs and services.

8 Said board shall advertise, solicit, receive, and review suggestions made by officers and
9 employees of the commonwealth relative to improving existing governmental procedures,
10 services and programs, initiating new procedures, services and program to create value and
11 efficiency in the delivery of state services, increasing the efficiency of the several state
12 departments, boards, commissions, or institutions operating under any state department, division,
13 board or commission, reducing the cost of state government, eliminating waste in state
14 government, or improving the service rendered to the public by any department, division, board,
15 commission or institution. The value and efficiency board shall promulgate such rules and
16 regulations as may be required to implement the provisions of this section, provided however,
17 that, to the extent possible, suggestions shall be submitted electronically in a format designed to
18 identify 1) the idea being proposed, 2) the design of the proposal, 3) the rationale for
19 stakeholders to support said proposal, 4) a proposed plan of implementation, and 5) a plan for
20 evaluation of results. The board shall select the five proposals, that in their opinion, are deemed
21 to have the greatest impact on improving the value and efficiency of state services, and shall
22 establish an online voting method to permit the general public to select the winner from among

23 the five proposals. The author or authors of the winning proposal shall be eligible for an award
24 to be determined by the board.

25 The board shall consist of the commissioner of administration or his designee, the
26 comptroller or his designee, the budget director or his designee, one member, appointed by the
27 president of the Massachusetts taxpayers foundation, one member appointed by the director of
28 the Beacon Hill Institute, one member appointed by the director of the Pioneer Institute, one
29 member appointed by the director of the McCormack Institute of the University of
30 Massachusetts at Boston, and one member appointed by the executive director of
31 MassExcellence.

32 There shall be established a public service value and efficiency fund. Said
33 fund, which shall be used for providing the award for the winning proposal nominated by the
34 board and selected by the public voting in the online ballot. Said fund may consist of such funds
35 as may be appropriated, or by donations from individuals, foundations, and businesses donated in
36 accordance with procedures approved by the Massachusetts state ethics commission.