

# SENATE NO. 299

## **AN ACT** PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELATIVE TO SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS IN THE COMMONWEALTH

*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. That the department of education shall investigate and study the school choice  
2 programs in each city, town and regional school district for the purpose of determining the  
3 impact of the programs on each school in the commonwealth.

4 In the course of its investigation and study, the department shall review reports filed  
5 under section 12B of chapter 76 of the General Laws, gather information from other sources,  
6 including the parent information system and the school choice transportation reimbursement  
7 program established under said section 12B.

8 The department shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study  
9 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its  
10 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or before the first  
11 Wednesday in April, 2005.