

HOUSE No. 01926

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 bill:

An Act establishing a charter school commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Torrasi</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>

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By Ms. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1926) of Torrissi and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to charter schools Joint Committee on Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing a charter school commission.

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. There is hereby established a charter school commission to study the financing of,
2 and innovations promoted by charter schools authorized under the provisions of chapter 71,
3 section 89. The commission shall report its findings and conclusions to the general court and
4 make recommendations regarding any necessary legislative and regulatory changes which are
5 suggested by those findings and conclusions. The first meeting of the commission shall take
6 place within 30 days after the effective date of this act.

7 The commission shall consist of 14 members: 4 members of the senate; 1 of whom shall be the
8 president of the senate or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the commission; 1 of whom
9 shall be the minority leader of the senate or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the
10 joint committee on education; 1 of whom shall be the senate chair of the committee on ways and
11 means; 4 members of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be the speaker of the house

12 of representatives or a designee, who shall serve as co-chair of the commission; 1 of whom shall
13 be the minority leader of the house or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the house chair of the joint
14 committee on education; 1 of whom shall be the house chair of the committee on ways and
15 means; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of administration and finance or a designee; 1 of whom
16 shall be the secretary of education or a designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of
17 elementary and secondary education or a designee; and 3 members to be appointed by the
18 governor.

19 The commission shall solicit advice from such persons and entities as it deems necessary.

20 The commission shall file a report containing its recommendations, including legislation and
21 regulations necessary to carry out its recommendations, with the joint committee on education
22 and the clerks of the house and senate not later than 9 months following the first meeting of the
23 commission.