

HOUSE No. 417

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patricia A. Haddad

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Bristol

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 417) of Patricia A. Haddad providing for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to child suicide. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide.

1 Resolved,
2 SECTION 1. Resolved, that a special commission to consist of 11 members: 3 members
3 of the senate; 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on education; 1 of whom shall
4 be a member of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse; 1 of whom shall be a
5 member of the senate; provided, however, that 1 member of the senate shall be designated as co-
6 chair of the commission; 3 members of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be a
7 member of the joint committee on education, 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint
8 committee on mental health; 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives;
9 provided, however, that 1 member of the house of representatives shall be designated as co-chair
10 of the commission; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of elementary and secondary
11 education, or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of mental health, or his
12 designee; and 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the
13 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, 1 of whom shall be a member of the
14 mental health advisory council established under section 11 chapter 19 of the General Laws, and
15 1 of whom shall be an advocate for pediatric early childhood mental health, is hereby established
16 for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to strategies for suicide prevention
17 and the resources necessary to assist elementary and secondary schools identify and assist
18 children at risk. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation
19 and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
20 out such recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house and
21 who shall forward the same to the chairs of the joint committee on education and the chairs of
22 the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse and the chairs of the joint committee
23 on children, families and persons with disabilities and the chairs of the house and senate
24 committees on ways and means on or before December 31, 2014.