

HOUSE No. 4408

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a special commission to investigate and study the feasibility and effects of collecting disaggregate data..

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 special commission to investigate and study
2 the feasibility of having all state agencies, quasi-state agencies, entities created by state statute
3 and sub-divisions of state agencies disaggregate data about ethnic and racial groups as defined by
4 the United States Census Bureau in all data collected as part of any and all types of data
5 collection, reporting or verification.

6 SECTION 2. The special commission described in Section 1 shall be comprised of the
7 following 11 members: 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
8 the House, 1 of whom shall serve as Co-Chair of the Commission; 1 member of the House of
9 Representatives appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the Senate appointed by the
10 Senate President, 1 of whom shall serve as Co-Chair of the Commission; 1 member of the Senate
11 appointed by the minority leader; an appointee from the Black Advisory Commission; an
12 appointee from the Latino Advisory Commission; an appointee from the Executive Office of
13 Health and Human Services; an appointee from the Office of the Attorney General’s Civil Rights

14 Division; and an appointee from the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Office. Members not
15 otherwise subject to chapter 268A of the General Laws by virtue of their public positions shall
16 not be considered to be special state employees for purposes of said chapter 268A on account of
17 their service on the commission.

18 SECTION 3. The special commission shall submit its recommendations, together with a
19 draft of any legislation, to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the
20 chairs of the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight, not later than
21 December 31, 2018.