

HOUSE No. 456

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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:

Resolve providing for a study by a special commission relative to reviewing and evaluating the safety of high school and college level cheerleading.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

RESOLVE

Resolved,

1 That a special commission to consist of one member of the senate, two members of the house,
2 the secretary of the department of education or designee, the director of the Massachusetts
3 athletic association or designee, the director of the national cheer safety foundation or designee,
4 and the director of the Massachusetts association of cheerleading coaches or designee is hereby
5 established for the purpose of conducting a study intended to review and evaluate current safety
6 practices involving the activity of cheerleading. The scope of the commission will include but is
7 not limited to, the certification of all cheerleading coaches; the presence of emergency medical
8 technicians, athletic trainers, and/or physicians where and when deemed necessary; reporting of
9 all injuries, requirements and precautions taken to prevent injuries; as well as the system by
10 which all standards are enforced. Said commission shall report to the house of representatives
11 the results and recommendations of its study, together with legislation necessary to enact these
12 recommendations, by filing with the clerk of the house of representatives within 1 year of
13 enactment.