

SENATE No. 322

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve creating a special commission to study classroom temperatures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Patrick M. O'Connor

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Norfolk

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 322) of Patrick M. O'Connor that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study minimum and maximum allowable air temperatures in public school classrooms and facilities. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 379 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**
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Resolve creating a special commission to study classroom temperatures.

1 **Resolved**, that notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary there shall be a
2 special commission to study the regulation of minimum and maximum allowable air
3 temperatures in public school classrooms and facilities, as well as any relevant statistics on the
4 number of air-conditioned public schools in Massachusetts, the impact of indoor air quality on
5 children, including, but not limited to, children with respiratory conditions or special needs, and
6 the Commonwealth’s state funding and bidding processes for installing air conditioning and
7 heating upgrades in public schools.

8 The special commission shall consist of: the secretary of the executive office of
9 education, or their designee, who shall serve as chair; the commissioner of the department of
10 elementary and secondary education, or their designee; the commissioner of the department of
11 public health, or their designee; the executive director of the Massachusetts School Building

12 Authority; a representative of the Massachusetts Teachers Association; a representative of the
13 Massachusetts Association of School Committees; a representative of the Massachusetts Parent
14 Teacher Association; two teachers, selected by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, who
15 have experienced difficulties with classroom temperatures; a school nurse, selected by the
16 Massachusetts School Nurse Organization; the president of the Massachusetts Association of
17 School Superintendents, or their designee; two members of the House of Representatives, one of
18 whom to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the other to be
19 appointed by the minority leader; two members of the Senate, one of whom to be appointed by
20 the President of the Senate, and the other to be appointed by the minority leader. The chair shall
21 commence first meeting of the commission not later than December 1, 2024.

22 The special commission shall submit its findings and recommendations, together with
23 drafts of any legislation, to the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate and the
24 chairs of the joint committee on education not later than December 1, 2025.