

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 372**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**

An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of a charter school for students on the autism spectrum..

*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. Pursuant to the Chapter 71, section 89, a Commission shall be established to  
2 study the feasibility of developing a Charter School for children with diagnoses on the Autism  
3 Spectrum.

4           The Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the  
5 Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and the Commissioner of the Department of  
6 Elementary and Secondary Education, plus 2 members of the Senate, appointed by the Senate  
7 President and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the  
8 House, 1 representative of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and 1 representative of the  
9 Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, and 5 parents of children on the Autism Spectrum  
10 appointed by the Governor.

11           Section 2. The Commission shall file its recommendations with the Clerks of the House  
12 of Representatives and the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President and the  
13 Joint Committee on Education no later than December 31st, 2010.