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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine  
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Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to child suicide..

1            ~~Resolved~~, SECTION 1. Resolved, There is hereby established a special commission for  
2 the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to child suicide. The eleven member  
3 commission shall consist of: the commissioner of education or his designee; the commissioner of  
4 mental health or his designee; 3 members who shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives, including 1 member of the joint committee on education, and 1 member of the  
6 joint committee on mental health and substance abuse; 3 members who shall be appointed by the  
7 president of the senate, including 1 member of the joint committee on education, and 1 member  
8 of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse; 3 members to be appointed by the  
9 governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts association of school  
10 superintendents, 1 of whom shall be a member of the mental health advisory council established  
11 under section 11 chapter 19 of the General Laws, and 1 of whom shall be an advocate for  
12 pediatric early childhood mental health.

13            The commission shall investigate strategies for suicide prevention and the resources  
14 necessary to assist elementary and secondary schools identify and assist children at risk, and  
15 shall submit a report containing its findings and recommendations to the joint committee on

16 education, the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse, and the joint committee on  
17 children and families by July 1, 2010.