

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4154**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act establishing a regionalization advisory commission..

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a  
2 17 member Massachusetts regionalization advisory commission consisting of the following  
3 members: the secretary of the executive office for administration and finance, or his designee,  
4 who shall serve as chair of the commission; the secretary of the executive office of health and  
5 human services or his designee; the secretary of the executive office of energy and  
6 environmental affairs or his designee; the secretary of the executive office of public safety or his  
7 designee; the secretary of the executive office of transportation and public works or his designee;  
8 the secretary of the executive office of elder affairs or his designee; the secretary of the executive  
9 office of veterans' affairs or his designee; the secretary of the executive office of labor and  
10 workforce development or his designee; the secretary of the executive office of education or his  
11 designee; the secretary of the executive office of housing and economic development or his  
12 designee; the president of the senate or his designee; the speaker of the house of representatives  
13 or his designee; a representative from the metropolitan area planning council; a representative  
14 from the Massachusetts Municipal Association; and 3 members to be appointed by the governor

15 all of whom shall have knowledge and experience in 1 or more of the following areas: municipal  
16 government and services, municipal agreements, shared services or regionalization. Each  
17 member shall serve without compensation.

18 The commission shall review all aspects of regionalization including possible  
19 opportunities, benefits and challenges to regionalizing services within the commonwealth. The  
20 commission shall consider the costs and effects of regionalizing all services including, but not  
21 limited to: education, public safety, public health, public works, housing, veterans' services,  
22 workforce development, municipal finance and structure, elder services and transportation.

23 The commission shall submit its finding and recommendations for regionalizing services,  
24 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect by filing  
25 the same with the clerks of the house of representatives and senate, the house and senate  
26 committees on ways and means and the joint committee on municipalities and regional  
27 government not later than April 30, 2010.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July 1, 2009.