

HOUSE No. 432

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act A Resolve Relative to Improving SAT Scores..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special
2 commission to study and report on ways to improve SAT scores. The commission shall consist
3 of the commissioner of education or his designee, who shall serve as chair; 3 members of the
4 house of representatives, 2 of whom shall to be appointed by the speaker of the house, and 1 of
5 whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house; 3 members of the senate, 2 of
6 whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate
7 minority leader; the chancellor of higher education; a representative of the Massachusetts
8 Teacher Association; and a member appointed by the governor. The scope of the commission
9 shall include, but shall not be limited to: researching correlations between successful approaches
10 to the SAT and to the MCAS exam; analyzing the effectiveness of current SAT preparations;
11 examining the feasibility of including SAT coursework into a normal classroom work; and
12 evaluating further options for the public school system to improve composite SAT scores. The
13 commission shall submit its report to the board of education, the joint committee on education,
14 and the senate and house clerks no later than twelve months after the passage of this act.