

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4522**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CHILD SUICIDE.

*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. Resolved, that a special commission to consist of 11 members: 3 members  
2 of the senate; 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint committee on education; 1 of whom shall  
3 be a member of the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse; 1 of whom shall be a  
4 member of the senate; provided, however, that 1 member of the senate shall be designated as co-  
5 chair of the commission; 3 members of the house of representatives; 1 of whom shall be a  
6 member of the joint committee on education, 1 of whom shall be a member of the joint  
7 committee on mental health; 1 of whom shall be a member of the house of representatives;  
8 provided, however, that 1 member of the house of representatives shall be designated as co-chair  
9 of the commission; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of elementary and secondary  
10 education, or his designee; 1 of whom shall be the commissioner of mental health, or his  
11 designee; and 3 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the  
12 Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, 1 of whom shall be a member of the  
13 mental health advisory council established under section 11 chapter 19 of the General Laws, and  
14 1 of whom shall be an advocate for pediatric early childhood mental health, is hereby established

15 for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to strategies for suicide prevention  
16 and the resources necessary to assist elementary and secondary schools identify and assist  
17 children at risk. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation  
18 and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry  
19 out such recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and the house and  
20 who shall forward the same to the chairs of the joint committee on education and the chairs of  
21 the joint committee on mental health and substance abuse and the chairs of the joint committee  
22 on children and families and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means  
23 on or before December 31, 2010.