

HOUSE No. 4644

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Ten

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 Resolved, that a special commission to consist of 11 members: 1 of whom shall be the
2 commissioner of elementary and secondary education or his designee, who shall serve as chair; 3
3 members of the house of representatives, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the
4 house, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house; 3 members of the
5 senate, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president, and 1 of whom shall be appointed
6 by the senate minority leader; 1 of whom shall be the chancellor of higher education, or his
7 designee; 1 of whom shall be a person to be appointed by the governor, who shall be selected
8 from a list of 3 nominees offered by the Massachusetts Teacher Association; 1 of whom shall be
9 a person to be appointed by the governor, who shall be selected from a list of 3 nominees offered
10 by the American Federation of Teachers – Massachusetts; and 1 of whom shall be a person to be
11 appointed by the governor, who shall be selected from a list of 3 nominees offered by the New
12 England Council, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study
13 relative to examining ways to improve SAT scores. The scope of the commission shall include,

14 but shall not be limited to: researching correlations between successful approaches to the SAT
15 and to the MCAS exam; analyzing the effectiveness of current SAT preparations;
16 examining the feasibility of including SAT coursework into normal classroom work; and
17 evaluating further options for the public schools to improve composite SAT scores. The
18 commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study and its
19 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry out such
20 recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house who shall forward
21 the same to the chairs of the joint committee on education on or before December 31, 2010.