

SENATE No. 999

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

RESOLVE providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to school safety.

1 Resolved, that a special commission is hereby establish for the purpose of conducting an
2 investigation and study of the feasibility of implementing a statewide school safety plan for all
3 public schools to coordinate evacuation and lockdown procedures as they pertain to all
4 emergencies. The commission shall study the best practices for the coordination of both law
5 enforcement and emergency response in an effort to ensure the safety of all students.

6 The commission shall also examine the current policies and procedures implemented by
7 both schools and law enforcement for dealing with an active shooter on the premises and shall
8 make recommendations relative to training necessary for law enforcement officers, school
9 administrators, and teachers.

10 The commission shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
11 public safety and homeland security, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; the house
12 and senate chairs of the joint committee on education; 1 member to be appointed by the senate
13 president, 1 member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 member to
14 be appointed by the senate minority leader; 1 member to be appointed by the house minority
15 leader, the secretary of the executive office of public safety and security or his designee; the

16 secretary of the executive office of education or his designee, and 1 representative from each of
17 the following organizations: the municipal police training committee; the Massachusetts Chiefs
18 of Police Association and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

19 The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study
20 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its
21 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of
22 representatives not later than 120 days after the first meeting of the commission.