

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1042**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to create a commission to reduce oversight and compliance burdens in special education.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

DATE ADDED:

*William N. Brownsberger*

*1/20/2011*

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By Mr. Brownsberger of Belmont, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1042) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to special education administrative costs. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act to create a commission to reduce oversight and compliance burdens in special education.

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

1           An Act to create a commission to reduce oversight and compliance burdens in special  
2 education

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

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6           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be commission to  
7 make an investigation and to determine whether compliance and oversight procedures pertaining  
8 to special education can be streamlined so as to increase resources available for instruction,  
9 while assuring transparency and accountability for results in special education.

10           The commission shall be co-chaired by the House and Senate Co-chairs of the Joint  
11 Committee on Education who shall each appoint two additional members to the commission.  
12 The Commissioner of Education or his designee shall be a member of the commission and the

13 commissioner shall also appoint four additional members who shall include at least two  
14 practicing special education teachers and at least two parents of children in special education  
15 programs. The Commission shall meet one or more times with an advisory group that shall be  
16 constituted of designees of the following organizations: the Massachusetts Association of School  
17 Committees, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Association of School  
18 Superintendents, the Massachusetts Administrators for Special Education, the Massachusetts  
19 Organization of Educational Collaboratives, the Massachusetts Association of 766 Approved  
20 Private Schools, the Massachusetts Advocates for Children, the Federation for Children with  
21 Special Needs, Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council.

22           The Commission shall file a report on the results of its investigation, and any  
23 recommendations relative thereto, with the joint committee on education no later than November  
24 20, 2012.