

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 362

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera***

*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 establishing a commission to study the feasibility of a charter school for students on the autism spectrum.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	

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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 362) of Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera and Benjamin Swan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General) relative to establishing a charter school for students diagnosed with autism. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2710 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act establishing a commission to study the feasibility of a charter school for students on the autism spectrum.

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

1           There shall be a special commission to investigate and study the feasibility of developing  
2 a charter school, pursuant to section 89 of chapter 71, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
3 for children with diagnoses on the autism spectrum. The commission shall consist of 11  
4 members: 1 of whom shall be the Secretary of Health and Human Services, or his designee; 1 of  
5 whom shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, or his designee; 1 of  
6 whom shall be the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, or  
7 his designee; 2 of whom shall be members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President; 2  
8 members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; 8 members  
9 shall be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative selected from a list of 3  
10 nominees proposed by the Massachusetts Teachers Association, 1 of whom shall be a  
11 representative selected from a list of 3 nominees proposed by the Massachusetts Federation of  
12 Teachers, and 6 of whom shall be parents of children on the autism spectrum appointed by the  
13 governor.

14           The commission shall file its recommendations with the Clerks of the House of  
15 Representatives and the Senate, who shall forward the same to the Speaker of the House, the  
16 Senate President and the Joint Committee on Education no later than December 31, 2014.