

HOUSE No. 3475

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian Murray

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 resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the impact of undocumented aliens residing in the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/27/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Murray of Milford, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3475) of Brian Murray and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the impact of undocumented immigrants residing in the Commonwealth. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the impact of undocumented aliens residing in the commonwealth.

1 **Resolved**, That there shall be established, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the
2 General Laws, a special commission to consist of the co-chairs of the joint committee on
3 children and families, the co-chairs of the joint committee on education, the co-chairs of the joint
4 committee on public health, the co-chairs of the joint committee on public safety and homeland
5 security, 2 members of the senate to be appointed by the senate president, 1 member of the
6 senate to be appointed by the minority leader, 2 members of the house of representatives to be
7 appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 member of the house of representatives to be appointed
8 by the minority leader, the attorney general or a designee, the secretary of public safety and
9 security or a designee, the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee, the
10 secretary of health and human services or a designee, the commissioner of education or a
11 designee, the chancellor of higher education or a designee, and 5 members appointed by the
12 governor with expertise in immigration issues. The commission shall conduct an investigation
13 and study relative to: (1) the impact, both positive and negative, of undocumented aliens living in

14 the commonwealth; (2) the specific impacts of undocumented aliens residing in Massachusetts
15 on (i) the economy, including the impact on tax revenue and the fiscal ramifications of
16 compliance with federal laws requiring the provision of specific services to undocumented
17 aliens, (ii) public safety, (iii) education, (iv) health, (v) social services, (vi) business competition,
18 (vii) workforce development, including the need for workers willing to work in low paying jobs
19 and industries, and (viii) housing ; (3) the respective roles of federal, state and local governments
20 in addressing the need for, cost of, and legal basis of providing services, including employment
21 and training, housing, public education, or health care for such residents; (4) a review of actions
22 being taken by other states in response to the increase in undocumented aliens within their
23 borders; and (5) any other relevant issues. The commission shall also make recommendations
24 about what actions, if any, should be implemented to address the issues raised by the presence of
25 undocumented aliens in the commonwealth.

26 The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study,
27 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
28 recommendations into effect by filing them with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house
29 of representatives on or before June 30, 2018. The commission may issue preliminary or interim
30 reports to the general court before that date.